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Monday, July 7, 2008 -- (Meditation: Proverbs 17:27-28)

God, help me not to feel like I have to express my opinion about everything. Forgive me when I feel like I have to straighten out other people's lives. Keep me from having to tell everything I know. Help me not to talk so long, and in such tedious detail. Help me to keep my mouth shut more often, and to listen more carefully. Spare me from having to tell others about my every ache and pain. Help me to learn that silence is golden, and that a smile and a touch are worth a thousand words. Amen.

Tuesday, July 8, 2008 -- (Meditation: I John 5:2-4)

Dear God, may Your latest command be my first concern. May Your latest act of mercy prompt my first act of thanksgiving. May Your latest act of forgiveness prompt my first act of forgiving someone else. May Your latest act of grace prompt my first act of reflecting Your love to others. For I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Wednesday, July 9, 2008 -- (Meditation: James 4:10)

O God, Your Son humbled Himself by taking on the nature of a servant, and being obedient unto death, even to death on a cross. My days are the opposite. I try to make myself look good in the eyes of others. My yearning is for things advertised, for the latest trends that my crowd longs for. God, forgive my preoccupation with self. Help me to know that the greatest freedom and achievement in the world is to serve You. Thank You for the One Who sacrificed Himself for my sins, that I may have eternal life. Help me to humble myself, so I can serve all those whom You love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Thursday, July 10, 2008 -- (Meditation: Psalm 143:8-10)

God, lift my heart above the small orbit of selfish wants. Lift my mind above the little commitments that have no lasting value. Lift my faith above petty indulgences. Lift my hope above unimportant fears. God, lift me to the bosom of Your love. Mold me, and make me, after Your will. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Friday, July 11, 2008 -- (Meditation: I Corinthians 13:4-7)

Dear God, tomorrow is their wedding day. Their happiness radiates! Excited friends and family have gathered for the wedding -- to retell old jokes, to exaggerate stories of times together, to make toasts, and to wish them well. God, after the wedding is over and its glow has waned, after new responsibilities press in on them, help them to deepen their love by taking time to be alone, together. Help them to take time to be best friends, and to talk about what's really important. And may they always make You the centerpiece of their life together. Through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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