

The Durant Grace

*At this time of the day,
When we quietly pray,
And thank thee, Oh Lord, for this meal,
We're grateful for health,
Fellowship, fun and
The Scouting Brotherhood that we fell.*

The Philmont Grace

*For food, for raiment, for life, for
opportunity, for friendship, and
fellowship. We thank thee, Oh Lord.*



Camp Durant - Duty to God

Troop # _____

Patrol Name: _____

Chaplain's Aide: _____

Number of Scouts in Patrol: _____

Requirements

- _____ 1) Appoint a Chaplain's Aide for your Patrol
- _____ 2) Attend the Sunday Night Vespers Service held at the Chapel.
- _____ 3) Have someone from your patrol volunteer to say grace at a meal.
- _____ 4) With your Chaplain's Aide, participate in at least three of the five daily devotionals as a patrol.

When you have completed these requirements, your Scoutmaster and Chaplain's Aide should submit the Durant Duty to God achievement form to the Program Director. This should be done by dinner on Friday.

Upon receipt of the achievement form, the Program Director will ensure that the appropriate number of patches is placed in your Troops check-out packet.

Friday

In a Hebrew Book of poetry, we find two very old Hebrew teachings back to back.

*“Fools fold their idle hands,
Leading them to ruin.”*

And yet,

*“Better to have one hand full with quietness
Than two hands full with hard work and
chasing wind.”*

Do these two teachings have different meanings? One seems to say that it is the fool who does nothing, but the other praises the good things about not getting too busy. It is often difficult to balance the need to work and accomplish good things, and yet, not work so much we become exhausted, unable to do anymore.

Discuss the following Questions:

Have you experienced this challenge this week?
How have you found balance?

What have you learned this week about balance?

Are there things you would have done differently?

Why does God want us to find a solid balance in our lives?

Thursday

Psalm 9:1-2

I will praise you, Lord, with all of my heart;

I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done.

I will be filled with joy because of you.

I will sing praises to your name,

O Most High.

Discuss the following Questions:

What are some ways that we can find to praise God?

Does our praise have to be verbal. Or can we live lives of praise? Perhaps our actions can be considered praise.

What are some times which make it difficult for us to praise God? Why do you think that is?

Monday

There is an old Quaker saying which reads “Let you life speak.” Parker Palmer, a theologian, says that our vocation (this comes from the Latin word to call forth) in life is where “Your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.” You may not have experienced your calling just yet, but God has called you all to do something in this life and has given us passion and drive to accomplish the many tasks along the road of life.

Discuss the following Questions:

How can we find our passions fitting into God’s plan for our lives?

Does a calling only happen when we are older? Or, can it happen to us at anytime in our lives?

Is a calling a specific thing, or is it more of a lifestyle? Do we only have one possible calling in life? Could we have several callings in life? What would happen if you miss your opportunity?

Tuesday

In the Judeo-Christian tradition, there is the story of Joshua, who became the leader of the Israelites after Moses. After traveling through the desert for a generation living off the food God provided for them, Moses tells Joshua as he becomes head of this nation to “Be strong and courageous...” and then he says “Be strong, and very courageous.” Joshua had proven a good fighter but leading had a whole new set of challenges.

Discuss the following Questions:

Why does it take courage to be a leader? Can someone be an effective leader if they aren't very brave? When does God require extra courage from us?

How does the “Brave” part of the scout law relate to that of “Reverent?”

What might happen to a group when their leader doesn't have the courage to lead them towards what God wants for their lives?

Wednesday

The Hebrew book of Proverbs is a collection of sayings which speak a lot about wisdom.

Proverbs 2:2-5

Tune your ears to wisdom,

And concentrate on understanding.

Cry out for insight,

And ask for understanding.

Search for them as you would for silver;

Seek them like hidden treasures.

Then you will understand what it means to fear the Lord,

And you will gain knowledge of God.

Discuss the following Questions:

Why would the writer of this saying put so much emphasis on “wisdom.” Can it really mean more to you than silver? Can't you just pay someone to be wise for you?

How can we gain wisdom in our day to day lives?
How do we use that wisdom once we find it?