ASKING FOR GOD'S HELP

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NOT in God's Bible: "God helps those who help themselves."

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God does NOT help "those who help themselves."

That is God's ENTIRE POINT: We CAN'T

help ourselves..... God says

Set aside your PRIDE. God helps those who ASK help from God.

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We cannot ever do enough good for heaven.

That is God's ENTIRE POINT: We CAN'T work for points to earn

heaven...... God says

Set aside your PRIDE. God helps those who ASK help from God.

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Yes: God DOES warn, "Do not be lazy."

That is God's ENTIRE POINT: We DO good works to show our

LOVE for God and others. See First Thessalonians 3:

Set aside your PRIDE. God helps those who ASK help from God.

Applicable Scriptures

John 15: 4-7 JESUS SPEAKING:

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

Matthew 18: 18-20 ... JESUS SPEAKING:

"Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20 **For where two or three are gathered together in My name**,

I am there in the midst of them."

<But what of "BARELY PRAYED CHURCH"es?

another of God's songs thru DianaDee, about church people "running a church" on human power & wisdom with <u>hardly 5 or 10 minutes praying</u> to God each week.> http://dianadeeosbornesongs.com/Songs-2008-2012.php

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Song Story.

A sad song story, to me... Written alone with God at a church altar at 6:30 A.M., and then the music written at the sanctuary piano by 7:15....

The weekly prayer time for this church of 250 members (120 regular attendees in two services) had been at 6 A.M., just minutes earlier.

Only 2 other persons showed up: 2 leaders "above me", so I didn't lead prayers. Usual attendance was one more person... 2 more at most... out of the 120.

The church was in the midst of many meetings about changing the worship times... very emotionally charged meetings with many "private" discussions outside church.

YET: As usual, none of the prayers were about that or other intense issues,

- not seeking wisdom.
- not seeking protection for Satan's attempts to divide the church,
- not seeking God's help in stopping all the gossip going around,
- not seeking God's help for soothing all the bitterness that was building up,
- not praying for church teachers, or worship leaders, or the pastor & wife.
- not praying to reach people outside the church,
- not praying for ideas on how to reach more children & youth......

Only prayers were, quote, "for the preschool, and for our government".

And my prayers, going down my written list, for each of my high school & college age Sunday School students.... for which once again I'd gotten the comment before we started prayers at 6:00, of "You're going to pray your list again?"

That's a quote from my journal, written on knees at the altar, after a prayer time that ended at 6:08 A.M.... eight minutes after it began with 1% of the church members coming together to seek help from the LORD of All Creation – and of our church.

As I wrote these final lines in my journal there at the altar, the words of this song came to me immediately.... and the music moments later.... A SAD song to me.... but an important one:

God helps those who humbly ASK Him for help. True for individual people.... for churches... God expects us to set aside pride & expectation in our own skills & knowledge. NO: God does NOT "help those who help themselves." God helps those who **DEPEND HUMBLY ON MIGHTY GOD.**