

A Stop by Quiet Waters
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“Developing The Mind of Christ”

Hi Friend,

As I was worshipping the Lord this morning I came to a wonderful old gospel song which I had first sung as a new believer in Christ over 55 years ago. I sang it to the Lord Jesus as a prayer for my life today. As I finished I thought, “This would be good to pray this morning for all the pastors I lift to the Lord on Sunday mornings. So I prayed this for you. As you read it may you be encouraged by its profound pleas to our Father in heaven who hears all our earnest prayers. I have prayed it for you, now I encourage you to pray it for yourself as well.

*May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
By his love and power controlling all I do and say.*

*May the word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through his power.*

*May the peace of God my Father rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.*

*May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea,
Him exulting, self abasing – this is victory.*

*May I run the race before me, strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only onto Jesus as I onward go.*

*May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, seeing only him.*

There are many good books, conferences, and seminars on effective pastoral ministry, but we can't do any better work in self-development and spiritual growth than to pray for ourselves that we would have the mind of Christ in all we say and do. Always remember that our call is to pastor, and successful pastoring is dependent on allowing the Lord Jesus Christ to guide and control all we are, do, and say.

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