

“PROP US UP LORD”

*Every time I am asked to pray, I think of the old deacon who always prayed, Lord, prop us up on our **‘leanin** side.*

After hearing him pray that prayer many times, someone asked him why he prayed that prayer so fervently.

He answered, 'Well sir, you see, it's like this, and I've got an old barn out back. It's been there a long time, it's withstood a lot of weather, it's gone through a lot of storms, and it's stood for many years.

*It's still standing. But one day I noticed it was **‘leanin** to one side a bit. So I went and got some pine poles and propped it up on its **‘leanin** side so it wouldn't fall. Then I got to thinking about that and how much I was like that old barn.*

*I've been around a long time. I've withstood a lot of life's storms. I've withstood a lot of bad weather in life, I've withstood a lot of hard times, and I'm still standing too. But I find myself **‘leanin** to one side from time to time, so I like to ask the Lord to prop us up on our **‘leanin** side, 'cause I figure a lot of us get to **‘leanin**, at times.*

*Sometime we get to **‘leanin** toward anger, **‘leanin** toward bitterness, **leaning** toward hatred, **leaning** toward cussing, **leaning** toward a lot of things that we shouldn't. So we need to pray, 'Lord, prop us up on our **‘leanin** side, so we will stand straight and tall again, to glorify the Lord.*

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P.S. *I am willing to say that for sure the “old deacon” knew the when, where why, and what concerning the leanings’. The following scripture leaves no doubt in one’s heart where we, as children of God, should lean. Can we give thought to our responsibilities to trust and lean our ways and understanding toward God? It is our duty to get right, stay right and lean right in all our ways! Lets’ love one-another in the “propping-up “arena.*

*(Scripture) “**Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not to your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths”** (Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV).*

(A few words of a song) “Lean on the mighty arm of Jesus, hide in the hollow of His hand; neath His protecting wings abide you, firm on the Rock of Ages Stand.”

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