

# CHRISTIAN LIFE

## Learning the Bible

This is a Bible university. We have all come to learn the Bible. God wants us to read through His Word over and over; letting it wash and cleanse us, transforming us into the image of His own dear Son.

Psalms 1:1-3

***Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.***

Romans 12:2

***And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.***

It is God's Word that transforms us; not human logic, teaching, our own efforts, or even us. God has brought each of you to this university to sit under anointed teaching that you may be taught by the Holy Spirit through your teachers. Unless you are personally spending significant amounts of time in His Word, letting Him minister to you individually, much of the teaching will be lost and less transformation will take place in your lives. There's no more basic way to get to know the Bible than to read it for yourself.

Jeremiah 15:16

***Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.***

Joshua 1:8

***This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.***

At **The Word of God International University**, it is an inspirational adventure to learn the Bible firsthand. You will have regular homework assignments, developing the practice of reading a portion of the Word of God every day. A Bible reading chart will be provided to help you keep a record, as you read once through the Old Testament and twice through the New Testament each school year. This is actually only six to seven pages in a typical Bible a day, yet it adds up to four times through the entire Bible--plus another four times through the New Testament in just four years. This practice will prove to be life changing, and why you were led of the Holy Spirit to this Bible University to obtain this discipline, along with other disciplines!

Job 23:12

***Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.***

2 Timothy 3:16-17

***All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.***

Acts 17:11

***These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.***

## **PROVERBS: THE BOOK ON CHRIST-LIKE CHARACTER**

All around the world today, Christians are following a plan, which is helping them conform to the image of God's dear Son, Jesus Christ. (Rom. 8:29) This plan is based upon the fact that there are thirty-one chapters in the *Book of Proverbs*. This is the same number of chapters as the number of days in the majority of the months of the year. So each day of the month, you should read the chapter of Proverbs that corresponds with that day. For example, on the 20th of September, read Proverbs, Chapter 20; on the 25th of September, read Chapter 25; and on the 7th of May, read Chapter 7, etc.

Proverbs 16:25

***There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.***

Proverbs. 2:6, 10, 11,20

***For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding... When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; ...Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee... That thou mayest walk in the way of good men, and keep the paths of the righteous.***

2 Corinthians 5:7

***For we walk by faith, not by sight.***

## **Building our Prayer Life**

God loves us and wants our fellowship in prayer, both for His own enjoyment and honor, and also for our own benefit. This is so we might be refreshed, strengthened and guided in our daily lives. Yet, too often, we find it difficult to set aside enough time each day to really know God in a deep intimate way.

Mark 14:37b-38

***Jesus said...couldst not thou watch one hour? Watch ye and pray.***

Revelation 5:8

***And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints.***

We all fall into the trap of being so busy working for God. We neglect having time for God, Himself. God wants our hearts and our time with Him even more than what we can "produce" for Him. It's like a typical marriage. A man marries a woman because he loves her and wants her to be with him. Yet, after they've been married awhile, many a wife is so busy with the children, the cleaning, cooking, washing, etc., she no longer has time to devote to her husband. Jesus is the Bridegroom. And, we are His bride. His greatest desire is that we are available for Him, seated at His feet in loving adoration.

Luke 10:38-42

***Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she***

***help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.***

Every one of us wants to sit at the Lord's feet like Mary, yet we repeatedly get our priorities mixed up and do everything else, like Martha! In this university, we have developed a plan to help you get started: Every day each one is to spend at least ten minutes alone with the Lord in prayer and also review the Bible reading assignment before classes. Since it is part of your assignment, it will help you to seek the face of the Lord and overcome the works of the flesh, spending quality time with the Lord. As for prayer time, it is up to each individual. You can either seek the Lord in a dry legalistic way, merely to fulfill an assignment, or seek to please and honor the Lord. You make the choice! Although at first, it may seem unappealing, the fact that it is a requirement helps you develop the right habits. Nevertheless, the rich blessings will follow as you consistently work at it. You'll be grateful you didn't give up.

Psalms 63:1-7

***O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; to see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary. Because thy loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee. Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name. My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips: When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches. Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.***

Hebrews 11:6

***...for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.***