

GOD'S WORD – OUR MANUAL AND MANNA

There is only ONE way to obtain eternal life – I John 5:11-12. Salvation is just the beginning. It is our responsibility to not only live by the Word, but to pass the truths of God's Word on to our children "Diligently". Deuteronomy 6:6-7 Carelessness in the Word of God not only effects our lives, but by it we can be gambling with the eternal well being of our children and grandchildren.

I. What kind of Bible should I have?

- A. The most reliable translation. Although there are two or three good scholarly English translations of the Bible, our church has always used the King James translation because it is so true to the original languages. Just because another translation seems to make the Bible more understandable does not mean that it is true to the Hebrew and Greek text.
- B. Modern translations that are based on concept inspiration. If the Bible is concept inspired, then this gives license to change the wording of the concepts or ideas. If the Bible is verbally and plenary inspired, in the original languages then to tamper with a single word spells disaster. ("Plenary" means it is equally inspired in all of its parts.)
- C. There may be minor variations in the few reliable English translations. This is simply because no word-for-word translation can be made from one language to another.
- D. Beware of alterations that effect:
 - 1. Deity of Christ
 - 2. Virgin Birth
 - 3. Miracles
 - 4. Blood Atonement
 - 5. Changes in maps
- E. The advantages of everyone using the same translation:
 - 1. The use of several translations causes confusion.
 - 2. It causes questions as to which translation is correct.
 - 3. People often get discouraged and stop bringing their Bible to church.
 - 4. It also causes doubts in people's minds as to whether or not we have the very word of God.
- F. Additional Tools
 - 1. Dictionary – (A good Bible dictionary is a real help)
 - 2. Three volume set of Matthew Henry's Commentary

II. Suggested methods of Bible study:

- A. Word study i.e. “Obedience”, “Faith”, “Redemption”, etc.
- B. Book study
- C. Cross reference
- D. Devotional
- E. Question/Answer
- F. Topical Study
- G. Doctrinal Study
- H. Scripture analysis
 - 1. Choose a verse or passage
 - 2. Read the passage several times. List the important words and look them up in a dictionary.
 - 3. To whom is the passage speaking?
 - 4. What does the passage require of the person to whom it is speaking?
 - 5. Give a general outline of the passage in your own words.
 - 6. Re-write the passage in your own words using the definitions you have found.
 - 7. Tell how the passage has spoken to you or helped you.

SOME BIBLE TRUTHS TO STUDY

Acts 4:12 – “Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

Proverbs 5:21 – “For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, and he pondereth all his goings.”

Psalms 119:105 – “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

Psalms 119:9 – “Wherewith all shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word.”

James 4:17 – “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

The answer to temptation – Matthew 4:4 – “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

We are a new creation in Christ – II Corinthians 5:17

Ephesians 4:22-24 – “Put ye off concerning the former conversation the old man...and put ye on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.” (Replacement principle)

Romans 12:1-2

Galatians 6:7 – “Be not deceived, God is not mocked for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” (Man is responsible for his own actions.)

Nehemiah 8:10 – “...for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” Joy is only present when there is no broken fellowship. Our song should not be, “Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen” – The spotlight should be on our wonderful Lord Jesus Christ

Our choice of friends will either make or break us. – II Corinthians 6:14-18

I Corinthians 6:19,20 – “What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit which are God’s.”

God’s Word is truth. – John 17:17.

I Samuel 15:22,23 – “...Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft (witchcraft is serving Satan), and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry...”