

Northside Church of Christ

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John 4:24



Seven Guidelines To Profitable Bible Study By Mike Riley

Profitable Bible study involves more than just opening to a chapter and reading the words on the pages. The following are seven guidelines to help us make the most of our study of God’s word:

1. Set aside a regular time — Unless we schedule a specific and uninterrupted time for Bible study, we will more than likely neglect Bible study.
2. Before we start reading — Let’s ask God for help in understanding the text.
3. Carefully think about what we are reading — Not all of the Bible’s treasures lie like pebbles on the surface. To mine the gold, we have to dig.
4. Seek to understand what the author was communicating to the people who first read the book or letter before we decide how to properly apply it today.
5. Write down at least one truth or principle we can put into everyday practice.
6. Try different translations of the Bible — If we find ourself skimming over familiar words, a new translation might focus our mind on a passage in a new way.
7. Let’s not get discouraged — Some parts of the Bible are more interesting than others, and some we may not understand immediately. But there’s enough that we can understand, revolutionizing our life if we apply it.

As we embark on this new bible study of the entire bible in 52 weeks let us do so with the above guidelines in mind.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Study of
Revelation
Chapter 22
9:00 AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service
10:00 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Singing Night



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“Study to shew thyself
approved unto God, a
workman that needeth
not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the word
of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

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Vain Worship

By Ron Boatwright

Our Lord says in Mark 7:7, "And in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men." When we follow the commandments of men instead of God's instructions, our worship becomes vain. If our worship is vain, it is empty, hollow, and useless. It will do us no good. If it is vain, it would be as though we had not worshipped God at all and we will be lost. When we worship in the way "we want" then God is dishonored and insulted. When we worship the way God has told us in His word, God is honored and glorified.

As we read in John 4:24, "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." To worship in truth is to worship as the word of God directs. Jesus said in John 17:17, "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." Since the word of God is truth, when we worship God in truth, we worship Him according to His word. The only way God will accept our worship is to follow His directions in the Bible. Any worship, that is not authorized by God's word in the Bible, is not in truth and is vain.

God says in Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." If we don't know what God says, we are going to be destroyed or lost for our lack of knowledge. It is sad to say but the vast majority of people are illiterate of God's word. They don't really know what the Bible says. When we don't know God's will then false doctrines will arise which will cause us to be eternally lost.

When people are ignorant of God's directions on how He is to be worshipped, they wander in spiritual darkness. Our Lord says in Matthew 15:14, "And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into the ditch." We must first have a desire to know the truth of God's will and then be willing to change when we find we are wrong and are not worshipping according to His truth. Jesus says in John 8:32, "And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Only the truth can make us free, otherwise we are still under the bondage of sin. We may be sincere in our worship, and we must be, but if we do not worship God "in truth", that is as God directs, then our worship will be vain and unacceptable to God.

Also if we try to worship God "in truth" but not "in spirit", that is not with the proper motive of honoring God and with reverence, then we are just practicing ritualism and our heart is far from it. This type of worship is also vain and unacceptable to God, for Jesus says in Matthew 15:8, "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me." We must worship God both in spirit and in truth.

Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments (Ken Williams, Maxine Powell)
- All those affected by COVID-19
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Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2020 is in foyer
- August - Potts
- September - Thrash
- October - Carlberg

Announcements

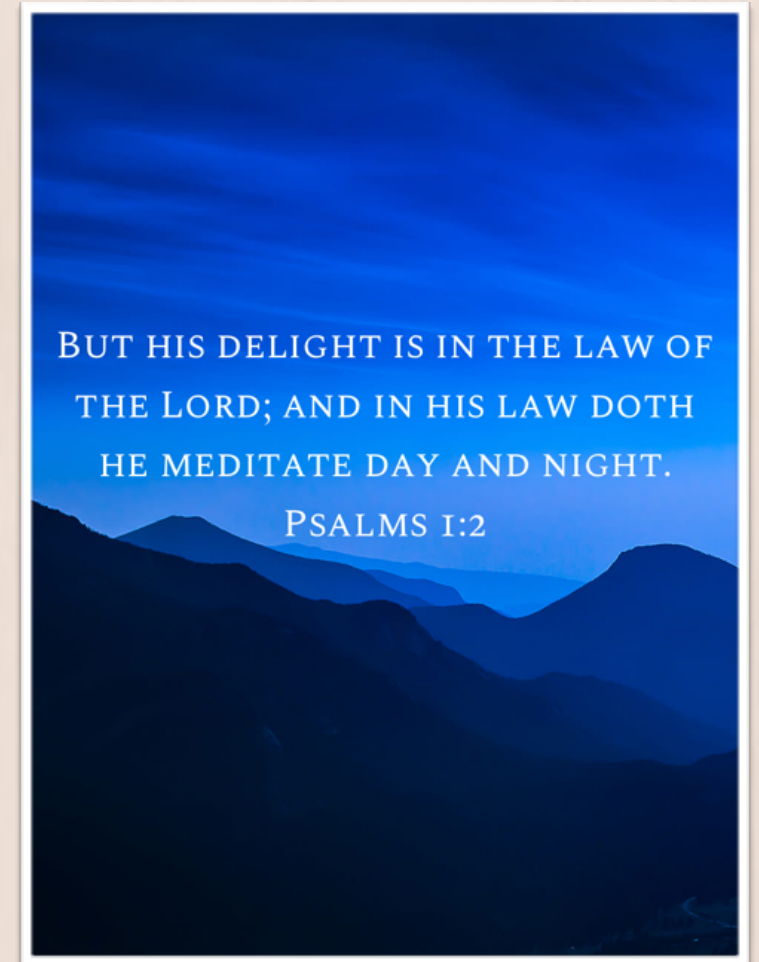
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July Birthdays & Anniversary's

- Tristan Rowell - 6th
- Chuck Rowell - 11th

Every Sunday Morning

@ 6:00 AM
on WTOK-TV



Men to Serve

Sunday Morning

- Announcements/Opening Prayer - Larry Montgomery
- Scripture Reading - Psalm 1:1-3
- Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
- Head of Lord's Table - Scott Williams
- Scripture Reading - Matthew 27:33-37
- Assist on Lord's Table - James Johnson
- Closing Prayer - Rick Carlberg



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