

BEGINNING ANEW WITH YOUR BIBLE!

Psalm 119:9-16

INTRODUCTION: Just as gasoline is fundamental to our cars being able to start and run. Without gasoline our cars will not operate properly. So there are fundamentals to the Christian faith that are essential to our Christian walk; without them we will not function properly. Those fundamentals are Bible study, prayer, serving, witnessing, giving and worshipping. Today we will begin anew with the fundamental of Bible study. None of us will continue to be a growing Christian without knowledge of the Word of God. We are told that only 39% of evangelicals read their Bible when they are not in church.

I. PSALM 119

Psalm 119 is a Psalm about the majesty and excellence of the Word of God. Psalm 119:1-11; Psalm 119:15; Psalm 119:18; Psalm 119:24-28; Psalm 119:48; Psalm 119:72; Psalm 119:89; Psalm 119:97; Psalm 119:103-105. Truly this is a powerful and practical Psalm because in it we will see two ways for us to begin anew with our Bibles.

II. WE MUST GET INTO OUR BIBLE!

Getting into our Bibles is what the Psalmist meant when he asked God to teach him His precepts. That's what he meant when he talked about learning the Lord's laws and His ways. The very best way to get to know God is through a study and understanding of His Word. Why should you want to get into the Word of God? We must determine our "why" in order to see if it is worth the price. The reason we should want to get into the Word of God is to know better the God of the Word and to be transformed by Him to become like Him. Romans 12:2. Bible study is essential for spiritual growth: 1 Peter 2:2-3. Bible study is essential to spiritual maturity: Hebrews 5:11-14. Bible study is essential to spiritual effectiveness: 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Our "where": We must have an undisturbed place for Bible study: Genesis 19:27. Our "when": Genesis 19:27; Daniel 6:10; Mark 1:35-36. Our "how": 2 Timothy 2:15. We are to come to our Bible study time cleansed from sin: Psalm 66:18. We should study verse by verse and book by book. We need to study it consistently on a daily basis.

III. GETTING YOUR BIBLE INTO YOU!

How do we get our Bible's from our head to our hearts? First memorization: Psalm 119:11; Proverbs 20:1; Proverbs 23:31-32; Proverbs 1:10. Memorizing Scripture will give you victory over sin. It will help you to stop worrying so much. It will help you become an active witness of Jesus Christ. It will speed up your transformation. It will help you discover God's will for your life. It will fit you for service for your Lord. We need to learn to meditate on the Word of God. Our God does not ask us to empty our minds, He asks us to fill our minds with His Word!