

A Light for my Path (Part 3)

“Finding what I need in the Bible Today” (Part 2)

(Psalms 119:105)

Introduction: One of the greatest privileges and joys of being a Christian is the blessing of being able to fill ourselves up with the Word of God. Reading, studying and obeying the word of God is the key to our relationship and walk with God and the successful Christian life. The Bible is the word of God and it is how our Lord show us who He is. The Bible is one of the clearest ways the Lord guide us and lead us to know His, will, His ways and it is a light to our path. David knew what we should know. (Ps. 139:14-17) God has a pre-recorded plan and a will for your life and the best way to know and follow that will is to read, study and obey His word!

God wants us to discover the riches of His word and to live by them and to do so for our benefit.

In the bible, I can find all I need for today...

I. The Bible is our source of growth:

A. Attending church services are good –

1. If the only Bible time you get is Sunday morning –
2. You should make the most out of your Bible time on Sunday morning – the way to do that is...
 - a. You should bring your Bible to church
 - b. You should come early and get a seat up front –
 - c. You should be an active listener –

B. Attention to God’s word is necessary – (1 Pe 2:2).

1. The word of God is our personal source of growth.
2. There must be a desire to grow –
3. As I desire to know and walk with Jesus, my other desires change.
 - The more I know the more I grow,
 - Jesus said - (Jn 6:63)
 - Jeremiah said – (Jer 15:16))
 - James said, (Js 1:18a)
 - Paul said – (1 Tim 4:6a)
4. There must be a growth development – (1 John 2:13-14)
 - Little children –
 - Young men –
 - Fathers –

II. The Bible is our source of power:

A. The Bible tells us of the power God has given us – Acts 1:8

- Since the Holy Spirit has come (Rom. 8:9) –
- What kind of power is it?

B. Spending time in the Bible will help us discover our God given power!

1. Heb. 4:12 tells us –
2. Rom. 1:16 tells us -
3. Eph. 4:23 tells us –
4. 2 Cor. 3:18 tells us –
5. Eph. 1:3-3:12 Paul tells us –
6. Eph 3:18-21 we will have

III. The Bible is our source of guidance:

A. We need to read, study and obey the word of God, with God’s help. (Ps.119:105; Jb.29:3b)

1. God’s will is easier to find than you think –
2. The Holy Spirit guides me through scripture
 - The Lord told Jeremiah, (Jer 31:33)
 - Jesus said – (Jn 14:26; Jn 16:13) And...
 - John reminds us – (1 Jn 2:27)
3. The Holy Spirit will help me rightly interpret the scripture I should seek to hear and know God truth – many people say they are seeking God’s truth, but then they make these costly mistakes...

I want to give you some mistakes to avoid that will lead to mis-interpretation of and disobedience to God’s word...

- a. Avoid the dictionary approach –
- b. Avoid the single verse approach –
- c. Avoid the ancient times approach –
- d. Avoid the missing mystery approach –

It takes daily reading, studying and obeying for the Bible to have the effect God intends for it to have; to be our source of growth, power and guidance.

Conclusion: May we take the Bible, and love it, read it and carry it in our hearts, assuring ourselves in the fact that it is the truth!

If we will, the Bible will grow us, feed us, lead us and teach us all the way home to Heaven so that we can be like Apollos! (Ac. 18:24)