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The Pastor's Corner

This month I will start a new series of messages on the topic of "Right Thinking in a Wrong Thinking World." It's tough to "keep your head on straight" when there are so many conflicting ideas out there, isn't it. We often have the tendency to limit ourselves with "old stuff" that places a "cap" on our growth, spiritually, mentally, emotionally and relationally.

It's easy to get depressed with the news seems to be always bad, when you health is failing, when your pay check is being threatened and relationships are going through an "adjusting" time.

Nevertheless, Thinking, "Christ-like" thoughts, "Scriptural Thoughts" and maintaining the spirit of tenacity which helps to identify the Christian Church, can be difficult but is essential to our personal health and the, overall health of our church and society.

Come and join us, each week, as we tackle life's challenges together and look to Christ and His Word for wisdom and strength.

Sunday School Lessons Theme: Tradition and Wisdom Unit 2: Teaching and Learning (Continued)

- October 2: "An Ordered Life" Proverbs 29:16-27
October 9: "The Superiority of Wisdom" Eccl 9:13-18
October 16: "Wisdom for Aging" Eccl. 11:9—12:7, 13
October 23: "Tradition and Love" SOS 4:8-16, 5:1a
October 30: "Living As God's People" Matthew 5:1-12

Planning for the Future

October 5: 7:00 p.m. Quarterly Church Business Meeting

October 8: 12:00 p.m. The Open Door Church, Holcomb, Missouri is hosting a Community Benefit Concert for Dylan White. Dylan is an 8th Grader at Holcomb Jr. High School . Dylan is autistic and was recently diagnosed with lymphoma and is receiving chemo in Memphis.

The Community Benefit Concert will take place on the front lawn of The Open Door Church, 27791 State Highway 25, Holcomb, MO on Saturday, October 8, 2011. The Benefit starts at noon. There will be six singers/groups participating.

The attachment I have included contains more information about the schedule of events and phone numbers to contact for additional information.

The proceeds from the benefit will be used to help with expenses the family is incurring while taking Dylan to receive treatment, as well as, other costs associated with this situation.

Please share this information with others that would be interested.

October 9 @ 11:30 a.m. Church Fish fry @ the Center following the morning worship service. Invite a friend to church and enjoy the food and fellowship afterwards. Please help with the sides (slaw, beans, desserts, etc)

October 15 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Risen Church (formerly, the 2nd General Baptist Church in Dexter, MO) This is a Youth Rally presented by Elevate Youth Ministries of Risen Church in Dexter, MO. This night is meant to bring area Youth ministries together for a night of unifying worship and teaching that will ignite a fire that will affect generations to come. The speaker for the night will be Brandon Petty from Portland, TN. The Music for the night will be presented by My Love in Red from Poplar Bluff, MO.

October 21-22: The Youth Fall "Yard Sale" at the Center Building. On Friday, from 6:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 6:00 a.m. till Noon.

October 22 @ 4:00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m.: The annual Cemetery Chili / Stew Fundraiser. All donations will go towards the maintenance of the Bethany Cemetery. Thank you in advance for your support.

December 18 @ 10:30 a.m. The Youth Christmas Program @ the Center. All are welcome to come.

Happy Birthday

October Birthdays

- Dylon Turner..... October 3
Kevin Faulkner..... 4
Jackie King..... 8
Mary King 10
Dustin Mittag..... 11
Cheryl Wethington 11
Savannah Loafman..... 13
Sierra Waller..... 16
R. J. Riddle..... 16
Ralph Williams..... 22
Delilah Loafman..... 23
Todd Razer..... 24
Stephanie Farmer..... 26
Geane Loafman..... 27
Joe Borders 27
Sharon Edgin..... 30

Happy Anniversary

October Anniversaries

- Dawsey & Rosalie Brown October 13
Dustin & Michele Mittag 19

C. S. Lewis' Sidecar Conversion From Chrisitanity.com / Church History

Individuals have surrendered their lives to Christ in all sorts of places. The revivalist Charles G. Finney converted in a woods; John Newton, author of the hymn "Amazing Grace," repented while lashed to a ship's wheel in a storm; Chuck Colson, founder of Prison Ministries, asked God into his life while crying in a car on a roadside. C. S. Lewis converted while riding to a zoo in his brother's motorcycle side car.

"When we set out I did not believe that Jesus is the Son of God and when we reached the zoo I did." Jack (as he preferred to be called) had earlier become a theist—one who believes there is a God. He was converted to full Christianity on this day, September 22, 1931 following a long talk he'd had on the 19th with two Christian friends: J. R. R. Tolkien and Hugo Dyson.

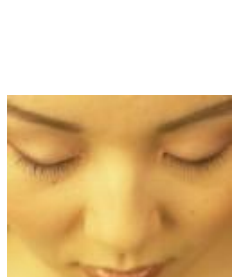
Tolkien, who was soon to be the most imitated fantasy of our century, The Lord of the Rings, argued that even some myths can originate in God, preserving truth, however distorted. One might do God's work by writing myths. Lewis doubted myths embodied truth at all. The three argued until 3 A.M. when Tolkien went home. Dyson and Lewis walked and talked some more. Dyson insisted Christianity works. It puts the believer at peace, frees him of sin, and provides outside help to straighten him out.

On Christmas Day, C. S. Lewis joined the church and took communion. He felt that faith had given him a solid footing; he had lacked a sense of direction for his talent. By the middle of 1932 he had written the first of the many books which made him one of the best-loved 20th century Christian apologists: The Pilgrim's Regress. He would go on to create his own wonderful fantasy world: Narnia.

Asked to present a series of radio talks, he gave the broadcasts which were brought together in his book Mere Christianity. These include probably the most famous quotation of all apologetics: "A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic--on the level with a man who says he is a poached egg--or else he would be the devil of hell. You must make your choice. Either he was and is the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon; or you can fall at his feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."

Lewis married an American divorcee, Joy Gresham. She contracted a painful cancer. The story of her dying and his grief has twice been filmed as Shadowlands.

PRAYER



Have you mastered prayer?

I haven't. I suspect few Christians would report having mastered this great privilege and discipline. In fact, I suspect that most Christians may even feel burdened by their lack of prayer and the seeming ineffectiveness of prayer. We read "pray without ceasing" and it becomes "guilt without ceasing."

I that happens to us, we've lost our grip on justification by faith alone apart from any works of our own. If our failures at prayer leave us feeling condemned, we've probably begun to think of prayer as one of those spiritual duties that keeps God happy with us.

To be clear, prayer pleases God (1 Tim. 2:3). Christians ought to pray. But many of us need to learn how to pray as well as fail in prayer in light of the good news that Christ is our righteousness (1 Cor. 1:30).

I feel like I'm in a season of learning to pray again. This is good. I'm not burdened but eager, which I know does not come from my flesh but God's Holy Spirit. I welcome God's vision for my life as a man: "I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer, without anger or disputing" (1 Tim. 2:8). God wants me to pray, and I want to pray to God. And I'm praying.

But I'm not "good at it," whatever being "good" at prayer means. Even thinking of being "good" at prayer reveals an insidious performance mentality and pride. Why not be rough and unpolished but genuine with God? Why not depend upon Christ's offering of himself as my High Priest and righteousness rather than seeking to be "good" at prayer?

My mind still wanders. I talk too much in prayer. My petitions dominate rather than praise, though a bit less so of late. My requests seem hopelessly earthbound and physical rather than heaven-soaked and spiritual. I battle fatigue, which seems to pounce on me the moment my mind turns to prayer. And when I think of what God has done in my life through Christ His Son, I must admit that my prayers are weak and uninspired. He does far more than I have ever asked or thought.

So, I'm learning to pray... again. And I'm enjoying the learning. For instance, in two conversations in two weeks I've been reminded of the opportunity to "pray specifically." Too often my prayers are general and vague. I'm praying for the right things in those general ways (i.e. conversions, God's glory, etc.), but I'm not venturing a request that makes those desires tangible, specific, and so on. I suspect I don't pray that way for one primary reason: a lack of faith masquerading as submission to God's will. I don't ask specific things of the Lord because I've learned to cover up unbelief with religious talk of God's sovereignty and humility before God. Now God is sovereign and I want to be humble before a sovereign God, but does not God say simply to us, "Ask and you shall receive?" He does. So it's not theological hubris to ask and ask specifically and specifically ask great things of God. I'm learning to pray this way again. I suspect that once I've "learned" this time, the Lord will teach me yet more.



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Several articles were taken from the website, "Christianity.com"

Romans Road to Salvation
What separates you from God and His love? SIN
Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."
What is the result of sin? DEATH
Romans 6:23a "For the wages of sin is death..."
What does God desire for you? LIFE
Romans 6:23b "...but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
What did Jesus do for you? DIED in YOUR place
Romans 5:8 "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."
What must you do to be saved? BELIEVE & CONFESS
Romans 10:9 "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
Who can be saved? EVERYONE who believes in Jesus
Romans 10:13 "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
What does faith in Jesus give you? PEACE
Romans 5:1 "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
NO CONDEMNATION
Romans 8:1 "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."
ETERNAL LOVE
Romans 8:38-39 "I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Prayer of Faith

Wednesday Night Bible Study & Youth Night

We continue our study in the Book of Acts throughout the month of August. We started the month in Acts 20:13 and will continue to progress through the Book each Wednesday Night ...

The youth will meet on Wednesday nights to prepare for the Christmas Program. If you want to be a part of it, See, Sister Mary Ann Howell.

BETHANY FISH FRY

SUNDAY MORNING OCTOBER 9, 2011 AFTER MORNING WORSHIP WHICH STARTS @ 10:30 A.M.

Please help with the sides, (Slaw, Beans, Desserts, etc)

DON'T FORGET TO INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY AND LET'S ENJOY A GREAT TIME OF WORSHIP FOLLOWED BY A GREAT TIME OF FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!

The article on Prayer is written by:

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Q & A with Christian Leaders of Today

How important is Prayer in sharing the gospel? Answered by Hank Hannegraaff (Bible Answer Man)

How important is prayer in sharing the gospel? Absolutely vital! Engaging in cult apologetics without prayer is like entering the battlefield without a weapon.

Not long ago, I had an opportunity to play golf with U.S. Open champion Corey Pavin. Having loved the game since I was 14, I was looking to something in his golf swing that would set him apart from 99.9 percent of all golfers.

There is an application here to what is happening today in the Christian church. Hordes of Christians are looking for divine encounters in all the wrong places.

In subsequent issues, I will return to this theme of getting back to basics, but now let's turn to the foundational issue of prayer.

No relationship can flourish without constant, heart-felt communication, and that includes our relationship with God.

Today there is much bad teaching regarding prayer. Some leaders in the Christian community even urge followers never to pray "Thy will be done."

Faith Adoration Confession Thanksgiving Supplication

Faith For prayer to be meaningful, it must be founded on biblical faith. True faith encapsulates knowledge, agreement, and trust in God alone.

Adoration Faith naturally leads to adoration that expresses our love and longing for God. Adoration in turn leads to praise and worship.

Confession The Psalms are also replete with confessions, such as that of King David:

"Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight" (Ps. 51:4). Confession means acknowledging that we stand guilty before God.

Thanksgiving Nothing is more basic to prayer than to "enter his gates with thanksgiving" (Ps. 100:4).

Supplication God desires His children to bring their requests with praise and thanksgiving. Scripture promises "that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."

As you internalize these F-A-C-T-S, remember that the power of prayer becomes a reality only through the practice of prayer.

What is the Will of God for My Life?

Answered by Adrian Rogers and John McArthur Jr.

I'm a new Christian and I'm also thinking about my future. I'm just a sophomore right now in high school, but I want to know how I can learn what God wants me to do with my life?

I'm so glad you wrote. So many young people are floundering out there without a clue wandering from one idea to the next without taking the time to sit down and really think about their future.

First let me encourage you to get into God's Word. Read Psalm 119:105. As you pray and seek Him through the reading of His Word, He will lead you.

Secondly, God also leads us by stepping to us in the quietness of our hearts. You know, prayer is a two-way street.

Thirdly, James 1:5-6 promises that we can ask God for wisdom and He will give it to us. Sometimes you might get goosebumps and shivers of the liver when He confirms the direction.

Lastly, you can learn God's will through His providence. Read 1 Corinthians 16:9. It has been well said, "The door to opportunity swings on the hinges of opposition."

I'm not worried about tomorrow. I follow Him today, and the rest of your life is to do God's will for the next fifteen minutes!

Taken from Adrian Rogers' weekly newspaper column. Used by permission. © 2001, The Weekly Appeal.; Love Worth Finding Ministries. Website. www.lwf.org.

Dr. Adrian Rogers, preacher, teacher of Love Worth Finding Ministries, and one of America's most respected Bible teachers. Under his 32 years of pastoral leadership, Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, TN, grew from 9,000 members in 1972 to more than 29,000.

Most important to Dr. Rogers have been the tens and thousands of believers who have had their faith strengthened and thousands of others who have for the first time entered into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

John MacArthur's Response: How does a person making decisions know what is the will of God?

The will of God is not meant to be a secret we must uncover. God wants us to understand His will far more than we want to understand it.

Saved (1 Timothy 2:3-4; 2 Peter 3:9) Spirit-filled (Ephesians 5:17-18) Sanctified (1 Thessalonians 4:3-7) Submissive (1 Peter 2:13-15) Suffering (Philippians 1:29; 2 Timothy 3:12)

If all those things are true in your life, you may do whatever you want. Psalm 37:4 says, "Delight yourself in the Lord; and He will give you the desires of your heart."

Fanny Crosby: Blind Gospel Songwriter

When I was a little baby, six weeks old, in April 1820, my eyes became sore and red. A stranger who claimed to be a doctor put hot cloths on my eyes and, although the infection went away, white scars formed over my eyes.

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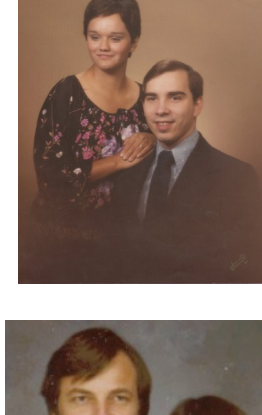
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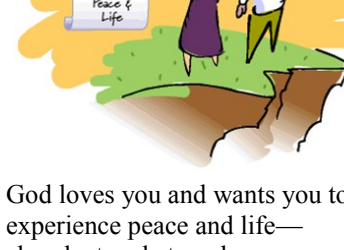
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Step One God's Purpose: Peace and Life



God loves you and wants you to experience peace and life—abundant and eternal.

The Bible says... "We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." John 10:10

Why don't most people have this peace and abundant life that God planned for us to have?

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Step Two The Problem: Our Separation



God created us in His own image to have an abundant life. He did not make us as robots to automatically love and obey Him.

We chose to disobey God and go our own willful way. We still make this choice today. This results in separation from God.

The Bible says... "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Our Attempts to Reach God People have tried in many ways to bridge this gap between themselves and God...

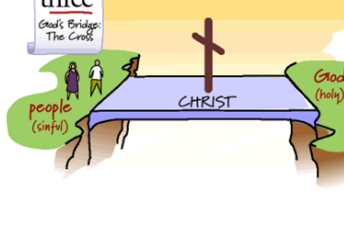
The Bible says... "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." Proverbs 14:12

"But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear." Isaiah 59:2

No bridge reaches God ... except one.

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Step Three God's Bridge: The Cross



Jesus Christ died on the Cross and rose from the grave. He paid the penalty for our sin and bridged the gap between God and people.

The Bible says... "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ." 1 Timothy 2:5

"For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God." 1 Peter 3:18

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

God has provided the only way. Each person must make a choice.

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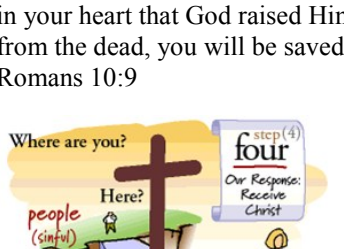
Step Four Our Response: Receive Christ

We must trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and receive Him by personal invitation.

The Bible says... "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me." Revelation 3:20

"Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12

"That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9



Where are you? Will you receive Jesus Christ right now? Here is how you can receive Christ:

1. Admit your need (I am a sinner).

2. Be willing to turn from your sins (repent).

3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the Cross and rose from the grave.

4. Through prayer, invite Jesus Christ to come in and control your life through the Holy Spirit. (Receive Him as Lord and Savior.) Each person must make a choice.

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The Sinner's Prayer

How to Pray:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. I want to turn from my sins. I now invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as Lord and Savior. In Jesus' name. Amen.

This is just the beginning of a wonderful new life in Christ. To deepen this relationship you should:

1. Read your Bible everyday to know Christ better.

2. Talk to God in prayer every day.

3. Tell others about Christ.

4. Worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached.

5. As Christ's representative in a needy world, demonstrate your new life by your love and concern for others.



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Fanny Crosby's Story Continued

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But Grandma still loved me, even if I did disobey her sometimes. And I loved her and enjoyed listening to her as she prayed, recited poetry and read the Bible to me every day. She said that God had a special purpose for everything he made including me, Frances Jane Crosby! (Everyone called me Fanny.)

Memorizing Whole Books of the Bible
I memorized where furniture and doors were in our house. I walked around easily, but the hardest thing about being blind is that I couldn't go to school with the other children. I could play with them, but how do you read when you can't see?

As I grew older, Grandma helped me to memorize parts of the Bible. In fact, by the time I was 12 years old I had memorized all of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The Bible verses were like friends that cheered me up whenever I felt sad about not going to school.

When I was eight years old, I made up a poem and recited it to Grandma.

Oh, what a happy child I am,
Although I cannot see!
I am resolved that in this world
Contented I will be!

How many blessings I enjoy
That other people don't!
To weep or sigh because I'm blind,
I cannot and I won't.

School Was an Answer to Prayer but I Cried Going There
One evening, I crept toward my bedroom window and knelt there in the moonlight and prayed this simple prayer over and over:

"Dear Lord, please show me how I can learn like other children."

One afternoon, when I was 14 years old, Mother met me at our front gate and I heard a paper rustling in her hand. She told me that the paper told about the New York Institution for the Blind where I could go to school.

I clapped my hands with excitement!

"Oh, thank God, Mother! He has answered my prayer just as I knew He would!"

Although I was very excited to go to school, it was far away from my mother, and I cried on the way to the school. I cried again the night I arrived there.

My second day there, I wasn't as homesick anymore. In fact, I actually loved most of my classes. A teacher made books with raised letters on the pages. I felt the shape of the letters with my fingers and I could read!

Terrible at Math, Gifted with Words

I was terrible at math, but I became very good at writing poems. In fact, all my friends spoiled me by praising my poetry all the time. My teacher, Mr. Jones, finally called me into his office and told me that I had listened to their flattery until I became too proud! Mr. Jones said I was talented, but my poems still needed work.

Then he asked me, "Fanny, have I hurt your feelings?"

Something inside of me knew that this teacher was telling the truth, so I answered, "No, sir. You have talked to me like a father, and I thank you very much for it."

From then on, I tried my best not to allow the sin of pride in my heart.

My teachers helped me to write better poetry, and after a few years, I wrote poems for presidents and governors, and I recited my poems to them when they came to visit our school. Even when people liked my poems very much, I remembered my talk with Mr. Jones and I didn't let their flattering words make me proud.

Mother was so pleased with my new school! After I graduated from the New York Institution for the Blind, I became a teacher there. On March 5, 1858, I married one of the boys who went to my school. His name was Alexander van Alstine (I called him Van), and many said he was the finest organist in New York City! In fact, Van played the organ, I played the harp and piano, and pretty soon my poems were turning into songs. I liked to write songs that made people want to ask Jesus into their hearts.

Presidents and Preachers Wanted My Songs

Not only did I sing and write songs, but I was asked to travel to different cities and speak. I loved to tell people about Jesus.

Famous preachers and presidents used my songs in their special meetings. I can hardly believe that in my lifetime I wrote more than 9,000 songs! We put these songs into hymnbooks for everyone to sing along with us.

PostScript

Fanny Crosby's music is still treasured by millions today. Her extraordinary life can be seen in a movie simply called The Fanny Crosby Story. It tells about God's grace and goodness as seen through the beauty of her music.

Make It Real! Questions and a project to help you dig a little deeper.

Fanny received praise from her friends for her talent in poetry. She also received criticism from her teacher. Which do you think was more important in helping her to improve her skills? Why?

1. Fanny had to accept her handicap and then work to overcome it. What might have happened if Fanny's attitude toward her blindness had been different?
2. Do you have a favorite Fanny Crosby hymn? Why is it special to you?

Braille is a very important help for blind people today. It is a way of reading with fingers instead of eyes. If you would like to learn more about Braille, go to www.aph.org/museum/index.html (American Printing House for the Blind Museum).

Picture of Church Trip to Eureka, AR

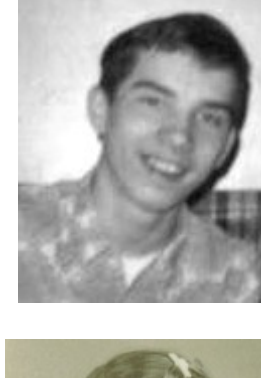
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Getting a Grip on God's Word



Thumb - READ IT
Pointer - STUDY IT
Middle - MEMORIZE IT
Ring - MEDITATE ON IT
Pinky - APPLY IT

Memorizing God's Word is paramount to our spiritual development ... it really is!

At the General Baptist Mission and Ministry Summit this past summer, Dr. Gary Smalley, Christian Psychologist noted that 70% of kids that learn to memorize Scripture while young, STAY IN CHURCH for the rest of their lives!!!

What more needs to be said???

If you learn two verses per week, that will mean you have learned 104 verses each year.

Sooooo

1. Make it a habit.
2. Find someone to partner with.
3. Make it personal by looking for scriptures pertinent to your situation.
4. Use a good translation.
5. Also memorize its location in the bible.
6. Do it!

Suggestions for this month or you pick your own.

Isaiah 50:4a "The Lord hath given me the tongue of the learned that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary..." KJV

James 3:13 "If you are wise and understand God's ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that