

A TIME TO STUDY THE BIBLE

The point of this lesson is to make a distinction between reading the Bible and studying the Bible. Many times, we read the Bible while brain dead - just reading words because we should. Studying is work; it requires effort; it is tiring; it requires time.

- A. Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law (God's Word) shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do all that is written in it.
- B. Deut. 11:18 Therefore you shall store up these words of mine in your heart and soul...
- C. Deut. 11:19 And you shall teach these words of mine to your children when you are walking or sitting and when you are standing up or laying down.
- D. Psalm 119:11 Your word have I hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.
- E. Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my pathway.
- F. Proverbs 2:1 My son, if you receive My Words....., you will understand the fear of the Lord.
- G. Proverbs 3:1-2 My son, do not forget my law, but let your heart keep my commands; so that your will receive length of days, long life and peace.
- H. Matthew 4:4 Jesus said to the devil, "It is written - man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word That proceeds from the mouth of God".
- I. James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

1. Using the verses above, match these statements to them. (Write the letter by the verse.)

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| a. ___ Do it. | f. ___ Receive it. |
| b. ___ Don't forget it. | g. ___ Carry it while walking. |
| c. ___ Chew on it. | h. ___ Teach it. |
| d. ___ Feed on it. | i. ___ Hide it. |
| e. ___ Store it up. | |

2. Analyze the statements here. (What do you think?)

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| a. ___Yes ___No | "Do it" means to live a godly life, not just pretend. |
| b. ___Yes ___No | "Don't forget it" means to remind yourself of what's in it everyday. |
| c. ___Yes ___No | "Chew it" means to be eating something while you are studying. |
| d. ___Yes ___No | "Feed on it" means to take it in to your life just like real food. |
| e. ___Yes ___No | "Store it up" means to memorize & remember the verses. |
| f. ___Yes ___No | "Receive it" means you accepted it when you first became a believer. |
| g. ___Yes ___No | "Carry it" means to obey it in all parts of your daily living. |
| h. ___Yes ___No | "Teach it" means to share the verses & stories with your kids. |
| i. ___Yes ___No | "Hide it" means to trust it & hold on tight to it in your heart & mind. |
| j. ___Yes ___No | "Hide it" means to never tell anyone the secrets contained in it. |
| k. ___Yes ___No | "Store it up" means to stack the Bible on a high shelf. |
| l. ___Yes ___No | "Do it" means that you heard it & will obey it & trust it. |

YOUR WORD HAVE I HID IN MY HEART; THEN, I WILL NOT BE DRAGGED INTO SIN.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:4 THE DEVIL HAS BLINDED THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT BELIEVERS SO THAT THEY WILL NEVER SEE THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL.

3. What promises is the devil trying to keep from the unbelievers so that they will never have the opportunity to become believers?

a. Match the promises with the verses.

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| a. John 3:16 | ___ | You can be saved from the penalty of your inherited sin. |
| b. Luke 24:6 | ___ | You can be forgiven from the guilt of your daily sins. |
| c. Romans 6:23 | ___ | Jesus is the only Way to heaven. |
| d. Romans 10:9 | ___ | There is a heaven and we can go there. |
| e. John 14:6 | ___ | Jesus is God's Son; Jesus is God. |
| f. John 14:1 | ___ | The penalty for sin is death but Jesus will pay the bill. |
| g. 1 John 1:9 | ___ | Jesus is alive; He rose from the dead as He say He would. |
| h. John 19:30 | ___ | The control of Satan over you is finished. |

DID I MENTION THAT SATAN DOES NOT WANT YOU TO KNOW ANY OF THIS?

- *He wants you to go to hell where he will be.*
- *He wants your battle with sin, defeat, and hopelessness to never end - never - never - never.*
- *He wants you to think that Jesus was some weak martyr who is now dead - dead - dead.*
- *He does not want you to know that **YOU ARE FORGIVEN - TOTALLY FORGIVEN.***
- *He does not want you to know that He has a plan for you.*

Write out Jeremiah 29:11. _____

- *He wants you to know that, despite the horrible things that have happened in your life, He wants only GOOD for you. and if you let Him - He will make that GOOD happen.*

Write out Psalm 84:11. _____

Write out Romans 8:28. _____

- *He wants you to know that you are valuable to Him; your sins, rebellion, evil, and running away have not taken away any of your value to Him.*

Write out Luke 15:24. _____

*We were once separated from God ("dead") = We were "lost". (Yes, we were valuable to God even then). We turned to God ("alive") = We were "found". We can be forgiven; we can hug a Holy God in prayer; we can take His hand anytime; we are loved & valued. **SATAN DOES NOT WANT US TO KNOW THIS. QUIT WASTING TIME - STUDY THE BIBLE EVERYDAY - THERE'S LOTS YOU NEED TO KNOW.***