

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Daily read over this material and read or sing the song.
2. Place the scripture where you will see it each day.
3. Think of what you need to learn from God.
4. Each day write down the things you learned that day and the things God tried to teach you.
5. Tell the class about something you learned from God this week, or about something you still need to learn.



DAILY BIBLE VERSES AND PRAYER THOUGHTS

MONDAY - VERSES: PSALM 71:17-20 PRAYER

THOUGHT: Lord, help me to continue to learn from You throughout my life and through all situations.

TUESDAY - VERSES: John 6:43-48; Isaiah 54:10-14 PRAYER

THOUGHT: Thank You, God, for teaching with such patience when I am a slow learner and for Your promise of eternal life to those who allow You to teach and guide them.

WEDNESDAY - VERSES: 1 Thessalonians 4:7-9 PRAYER

THOUGHT: Master, help me to be obedient to the things that I have already learned from You so others will not need to repeat the lesson.

THURSDAY - VERSES: Isaiah 40:10-14 PRAYER

THOUGHT: Forgive me when I think I know better than You, and help me to always be humble under Your instruction understanding that You know all things and always have and always will.

FRIDAY - VERSES: Jeremiah 12:14-17; Hosea 4:6-9 PRAYER

THOUGHT: Almighty King, help me to be diligent about my responsibility to learn how to be one of Your people so that I am not destroyed.

SATURDAY - VERSES: John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 2:11-16; Titus

2:11-14 PRAYER THOUGHT: Father, Comfort me, discipline me, and direct me with the teaching of Your Holy Spirit that You in Your infinite wisdom and grace have provided through inspiration in your scriptures.



Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn. - Benjamin Franklin

I am always ready to learn although I do not always like being taught. - Winston Churchill

SPIRITUAL HEALTH REGIMEN - WEEK 63

LEARNING FROM GOD - 10-13-13 to 10-19-13

SCRIPTURE - John 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

COMMENT - If we will pay attention to the things going on in life around us, we may find that God through His providence is trying to teach us the lessons we need to learn. We need to learn from Him so that He is not wasting His time on us.

SONG - TEACH ME, LORD, TO WAIT

1. Teach Me, Lord, to Wait down on My Knees; 'Till in Your Own Good Time You Will Answer My Pleas. Teach Me Not to Rely on What Others Do; But to Wait in Prayer for an Answer from You.
2. Teach Me, Lord, to Wait While My Heart's All Aflame. Let Me Humble My Pride and Call upon Your Name. Keep My Faith Renewed; Keep My Eyes Fixed on You. Let Me Be on this Earth What You Want Me to Be.

Chorus - Those Who Wait upon the Lord Shall Renew Their Strength. They Shall Mount up with Wings like Eagles. They Shall Run and Not Grow Weary. They Shall Walk and Not Faint. Teach Me, Lord, O Lord, to Wait.



Reading the Bible is vital for every Christian. How can we learn about God or grow spiritually if we do not spend time studying the Book in which He has made Himself known to us? Taking a few minutes each day to read a chapter is a good way to start. But we should also block out extended periods of time for exploring God's Word and reflecting on what He is saying to us.

The importance of spending much time with something of great value and beauty is illustrated by a quote from the National Geographic magazine about Carl Sharsmith, an 81 year old guide in Yosemite National Park. "Carl was back at his tent quarters after a long afternoon with tourists. His nose was flaked white and red with sunburn; his eyes were watery, partly from age but also from hearing again an old question after a half century of summers in California's Yosemite National Park. A lady tourist had hit him with a question where it hurt: "I've only got an hour to spend at Yosemite," she declared. "What should I do? Where should I go?" The old naturalist-interpreter-ranger

finally found voice to reply. "Ah, lady, only an hour." He repeated it slowly. "I suppose that if I had only an hour to spend at Yosemite, I'd just walk over there by the river and sit down and cry." A whole lifetime is not long enough to appreciate fully the beauty and learning and value of the Bible. That's why we must take time to study its truths and make them real in our lives.



Burdens that are Blessings

An old legend says that at creation the birds felt cheated and hurt because they received wings. Wings appeared to be burdens which none of the other animals were asked to carry. All was changed, however, when the birds learned that wings were not burdens but blessings that bore them to the sky. Because they were given wings they could rise above the earth and see sights which no other animal could see. What seemed like burdens were really blessings.



Suffering's Reward

A young man, a Christian, went to an older believer to ask for prayer. "Will you please pray that I may be more patient?" he asked. The aged saint agreed. They knelt together and the man began to pray, "Lord, send this young man tribulation in the morning; send this young man tribulation in the afternoon; send this young man..." At that point the young Christian blurted out, "No, no, I didn't ask you to pray for tribulation. I wanted you to pray for patience." "Ah," responded the wise Christian, "it's through tribulation that we learn patience."



Full Bible Intelligence

When a new FBI agent is hired he is given intensive training. As part of the program, he is taught to watch for counterfeit money. He makes a thorough study of the genuine bills -- not the phonies -- so that he can spot the fake currency immediately because of its contrast to the real thing.

The child of God can learn a lesson from this. While it is helpful to study false religions and be fully aware of their dangerous dogmas, we should be so familiar with God's Word that whenever we encounter error, we will spot it at once. Today many are being led astray by cults and isms because they don't recognize how they are being deceived. The only way to prevent this is to indoctrinate believers with the truth

so they will be much more discerning. For example, if a person is solidly grounded in the teaching of salvation by grace, he won't swallow the line of the legalists who inject human works into the matter of being saved. If he is well instructed about the person of Christ, he won't accept the error of those who deny the Savior's deity. Knowing the truth of the second coming of Jesus, he'll not be swayed by those who distort the blessed hope, making it something less than the personal, bodily return of the Lord. A thorough knowledge of essential biblical doctrines is the only way to detect their counterfeits!

The letters "FBI" refer to that respected agency of our government, the Federal Bureau of Investigation. We also need FBI Christians -- those who have Full Bible Intelligence!



A wise man can learn more from a foolish question than a fool can learn from a wise answer. - Bruce Lee



Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever. - Mahatma Gandhi



Being ignorant is not so much a shame, as being unwilling to learn. - Benjamin Franklin



_____ BY GOD

INTRODUCTION: PSALM 25:3-12

LEAD STATEMENT - GOD TEACHES US. . .

- I. IN _____.
- II. IN _____.
- III. IN _____ EXPERIENCES.
- IV. WITH _____.
- V. IN _____.
- VI. BY _____.
- VII. WHEN WE ASK _____ QUESTIONS.
- VIII. THROUGH THE LEAST LIKELY _____.
- IX. WITH A _____.
- X. IN _____.

CONCLUSION:

TAUGHT BY GOD

INTRODUCTION:

A. (Psa 25:3-12 KJV) "Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause. {4} Show me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. {5} Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. {6} Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old. {7} Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD. {8} Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. {9} The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way. {10} All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies. {11} For thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great. {12} What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose."

B. GOD IS ACTIVELY TRYING TO TEACH US WHETHER WE ARE LEARNING OR NOT IS UP TO US.

C. John 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

LEAD STATEMENT - GOD TEACHES US. . .

I. IN SUCCESSES. - (Philippians 4:9) Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

(2 Timothy 3:14) But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

II. IN FAILURES. - (Deuteronomy 18:9) When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. (Psalms 106:35) But were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works.

Luke 22:32-34 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. (33) And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. (34) And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

III. IN EVERYDAY EXPERIENCES. - (Genesis 30:27) And Laban

said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by experience that the LORD hath blessed me for thy sake.

Matthew 13:3-9 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; (4) And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: (5) Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: (6) And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. (7) And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: (8) But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. (9) Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

IV. WITH PAIN. - (Psalms 119:71) It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

2 Corinthians 12:7-9 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. (8) For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. (9) And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

(Hebrews 5:8) Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

(1 Timothy 1:20) Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

V. IN STRUGGLES. - 2 Corinthians 1:8-11 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: (9) But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: (10) Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us; (11) Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; (9) Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

VI. BY REPETITION. - Acts 10:11-17 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: (12) Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. (13) And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. (14) But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean. (15) And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. (16) This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven. (17) Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,

VII. WHEN WE ASK HONEST QUESTIONS. - Acts 8:34-35 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? (35) Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

VIII. THROUGH THE LEAST LIKELY PEOPLE. - Matthew 18:2-4 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, (3) And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. (4) Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Luke 18:10-14 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. (11) The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. (12) I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. (13) And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. (14) I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

(John 7:15) And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?

(Acts 4:13) Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

(Deuteronomy 4:10) Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children. (Deuteronomy 5:1) And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them.

IX. WITH A SCRIPTURE. - John 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

(Deuteronomy 17:18-19) And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites: (19) And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

X. IN NATURE - Psalms 19:1-4 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. (2) Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. (3) There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. (4) Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

Romans 1:19-20 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. (20) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

CONCLUSION:

A. Micah 4:2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and **let us go up to the mountain of the LORD**, and to the house of the God of Jacob; **and he will teach us of his ways**, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

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