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Bible Word of the Week

ποιμήν- poimen – shepherd
 (poy-mane')

Definition: herdsman, a shepherd, the presiding officer of any assembly



Sentence: “I am the good ποιμήν, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.”
 ~ John 10:14

(Verbs and nouns are not used in their proper tense. They are just to show where they are used in scripture)

BIBLE FACTS:

People often “quote scripture” when they say, “God helps those who help themselves.” Sure, it sounds Biblical, but it is not found in the Bible. This phrase has been used for centuries, but was most popularly used by Benjamin Franklin in his Poor Richard’s almanac.



“Then the Lord opened the donkey's mouth, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you to make you beat me these three times?"

Numbers 22:28

“It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible.”

~ George Washington

Discovering Truth

Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk and live in Your truth” – Psalm 86:11

We Are Family

This past week, Brooke and I drove down to Southern California to spend Thanksgiving with my family. It’s always fun getting together with people you love. We all get along and we love just sitting around the dinner table telling jokes and reminiscing on when we were younger. Many of you probably did the same thing this past week as you sat around the table to eat a gigantic feast. The Lord’s family is much like our secular families. We gather together, eat a meal, and reminisce about memories.

We gather together on the first day of the week, not to eat lunch or dinner, but to eat something that means much more than just a common meal. “On the first day of the week we came together to break bread” (Acts 20:7a). We gather as a family of believers in Jesus Christ, to partake of the Lord’s Supper, and to reminisce about the sacrifice that He made on behalf of our sins.

As family, we have responsibilities towards each other.

- ❖ We glorify God together (Psalm 102:22).
- ❖ We are to be devoted to one another in brotherly love (Rom. 12:10).
- ❖ We are to be unified like a family (Rom. 12:5).
- ❖ We are to encourage one another (Eph. 4:29).
- ❖ We are to be thankful for one another (Phil 1:3).
- ❖ We are to get together regularly on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1).
- ❖ We are to supply for each other’s needs (Acts 4:31-37)

Together we make the family of Jesus Christ. Let’s not forget to treat each other like family. I enjoy each moment I get to spend with my brothers and sisters in Christ. Individually we are many, but together we are one.

What are you doing to make sure you are an active member of this church family? Are you here for every service? Are you attending every Bible class? Get active today.

~ Kevin



“You are near, O Lord, and all Your commandments are truth.” – Psalm 119:151

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 Worship: 10:45 am
 Evening: 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Class: 7:00 pm

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- ❖ If you would like a Bible study or have any questions, please contact Kevin Harrington.
- ❖ Estudios biblicos en Español disponibles durante la semana. Por favor llamen a Lalo Enriquez.

Diary of a Bible

When little girls are growing up, it is common for them to keep a diary. Some older women might still keep a diary. Boys don't keep a diary, they keep a journal. It sounds more masculine. There is something about a diary that is personal and sacred. You feel like you can write anything and really be honest because you will be the only person reading it (unless you have an annoying brother). What if your Bible could keep a diary? What do you think it would say? Perhaps it might be something like this:

- January:** A busy time for me. Most of the family decided to read me through this year. They kept me busy for the first two weeks, but they have forgotten me now.
- February:** Clean-up time. I was dusted yesterday and put in my place. My owner did use me for a few minutes last week. He had been in an argument and was looking up some references to prove he was right.
- March:** I had a busy day the first of the month. My owner was elected president of the P.T.A., and he used me to prepare a speech.
- April:** Grandpa visited us this month. He kept me on his lap for an hour reading 1 Corinthians 13. He seems to think more of me than do some people in my own household.
- May:** I have a few green stains in my pages. Some spring flowers were pressed in my pages.
- June:** I look like a scrapbook. They have stuffed me full of newspaper clippings.
- July:** They put me in a suitcase today. I guess we are off on vacation. I wish I could stay home; I know I'll be closed up in this thing for at least two weeks.
- August:** Still in the suitcase.
- September:** Back home at last and in my old familiar place. I have a lot of company. Two women's magazines and four comic books are stacked on top of me. I wish I could be read as much as they are.
- October:** They read me a little bit today. One of them is very sick. Right now I am sitting in the center of the coffee table. I think the preacher is coming by for a visit.
- November:** Back in my old place. Somebody asked today if I were a scrapbook.
- December:** The family is busy getting ready for the holidays. I won't be used much, but that's alright because the first few weeks in January are normally a busy time for me.

(Church Bulletin Bits)

How are you using your Bible? Wanting to use it more? Why don't you try a Bible Reading Schedule located in the entryway? The Bible is filled with teachings that can help you live your life for God. Put your Bible to good use!

~ Kevin



This Morning's Sermon:

I Am A Christian

Scott Cary

This Evening's Sermon:

Does God Exist?

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Daily Spark #16

Leviticus 20:3 "You shall have no other gods before Me."

The Ten Commandments are probably the most popular list of commandments in the entire Bible. Some people still live their lives by these ten rules. The commandments were given to the children of Israel right after they had been led out of the land of Egypt. They were now going to be their own nation with their own God. While the children camped at Mount Sinai, God gave Moses these commandments that the nation of Israel were to live by. The Ten Commandments were given thousands of years ago: do they still apply to us? Should we follow them? As New Testament Christians, we are no longer under the Old Law, so why do we still hold these commandments in such high regard?

The first commandment that God gives His holy nation is "You shall have no other gods before Me." We have to remember where the children of Israel were coming from; they were exiting the land of Egypt. Egypt is a nation with over 2000 different Gods. I wonder how many Israelites started worshiping some of those gods. The influence that Egypt had on the Israelites was a huge one, and I'm sure they left holding on to some traditions and customs that they received during their time in Egypt.

But God wanted His people to know that those days were over. There is only one God: the true God. God performed miracles in the form of plagues that no one else could produce, not even the gods of the Egyptians. There is only one God that could have made water stand up on both sides as the people walked across the Red Sea, safely on dry ground. Egyptians gods couldn't do that. It's interesting that this was the first command God gave. The first thing He wanted His people to understand is there is only one God.

Do we still believe that today? Jesus spoke many times about the authority He got was from above. Do we still hold God to our highest regard? What do you think of when you think of God? When you pray, what images come to your head? Do you even pray to Him? We may say we don't have any other gods before God, but have we let something else, or someone else take His place?

We can still put other things above God. Many times we put spouses, friends and family members before God. We talk to those people about our difficulties and problems instead of trusting that God can help us. We can put other people's advice before God's advice. We can put other people's opinions of us before God's opinion of us. We can give ourselves the credit for something that God is responsible for. We can praise ourselves for all of our accomplishments, but never think about how God may have been involved.

Take a look around you today and see what you have put before God. Have you put TV and movies before reading your Bible? Have you put school and homework above God? Have you put playing in or attending a sporting event before attending worship services? Have you put work before church? Sadly, there is so much we can put before God, we just don't realize it until it's too late. We slowly let everything creep in around us and before you know it, God has been moved to the back of the brain.

Take a few moments today and work on moving God back up front. Try to go one whole day with putting nothing before God. Make it a family effort. Set an example in your home that no matter what, God will come first.

~ Kevin

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