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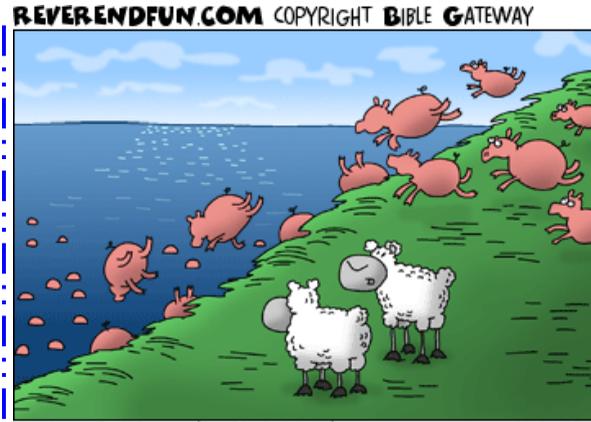
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Yearly Bible Reading Schedule

- Sunday: Genesis 38-40*
Monday: Genesis 41-42
Tuesday: Genesis 43-45
Wednesday: Genesis 46-47
Thursday: Genesis 48-50
Friday: Exodus 1-3
Saturday: Exodus 4-6

Bible Reading Questions

1. How did Joseph become so successful in each chapter of his life?
2. What did Joseph feel when he saw his brothers for the first time since being sold into slavery?
3. How did the children of Israel become slaves in Egypt?
4. How many excuses did Moses give in order to try and get out of leading God's people?
5. Did God listen to Moses' excuses?



Thanks to Josh Lucas (See Mark 3:1-19) 01-04-2013
 I'D SAY IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS THAT GOD PREFERS SHEEP

“And He said to them, “Go.” So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.”
 ~ Matthew 8:32

Hold fast to the Bible. To the influence of this Book we are indebted for all the progress made in true civilization and to this we must look as our guide in the future.
 ~ Ulysses S. Grant

Discovering Truth

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

A Treasure Worth the Search

I remember going to the park or going to the beach and watching people scan the ground with a metal detector. They would just walk back and forth moving their instrument over the ground. I remember asking a man one time what he was looking for. “Nothing in particular,” he said, “just searching for a lost treasure.” I then asked him if he had ever found anything of value. He list was extensive and pretty impressive: diamond rings, rare coins, and other expensive items that he could sell to make a profit. I’ll never forget when he told me, “Sometimes you don’t find anything, but when you find something of value, it’s worth the search.”

I wonder if we have the same attitude when it comes to people. This year our theme is “Seek and Save.” We need to ask ourselves if we are searching for the treasure of souls. God has placed great value on each one of us and He wants each one of us to be in heaven with Him (2 Pet. 3:9). We need to place the same emphasis on one another that God places.

We focus a lot in the church on what you are doing to make sure you get yourself to heaven, but just as much importance should be placed on what you’re doing to get *other* people to heaven. What have you done lately to “seek and save that which is lost” (Luke 19:10)? A lot of people get discouraged because it’s hard to get people interested in hearing about the Gospel. Some people get discouraged because they get embarrassed or scared to teach someone. Just remember one thing: Sometimes you don’t find anything, but when you find something of value, it’s worth the search.

One lost soul returning home to God is worth the search and the hard work. One lost soul returning to God is something that we should rejoice about (the angels do). It’s time we start placing the value on God’s people that they deserve. It’s time we start searching for the people that need the help and love of Jesus Christ. It’s time we start saving the world from the devil. God obviously thought that you were worth the trouble of sending His Son to die for our sins.

It’s time you take out your Bible and start searching for treasure. When you find something as valuable as a soul, it’s worth the search.

~ Kevin



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Wednesday
 Bible Class: 7:00 pm

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2013 Theme: “Seek and Save”

“For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost”
 – Lk. 19:10

Diary of a Bible

When little girls are growing up, it is common for 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 our new Bible Reading Schedule located below? 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:

Why the Thief Wasn't Baptized

Lalo Enriquez

This Evening's Sermon:

Song Service

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Daily Spark #22

Exodus 20:14 "You shall not commit adultery."

As we continue our study of the Ten Commandments, we come to the seventh: "You shall not commit adultery." Since it has to do with a sexual sin, many people tend to shy away from it. Or many people will say that adultery has never been in issue in their lives so they don't really need to worry about this one. Or some of you may be thinking that since you're not married, then this command doesn't apply to you. Technically adultery does mean to have sexual relations with someone other than your spouse, but was God just telling His people to not commit adultery? Actually, I think this command goes much deeper than that, and it actually applies to anyone who calls themselves a Christian whether they are married or not.

This commandment is talking about sexual purity. I would suggest not only in the marriage, but also in every aspect of our lives. Is God only telling those who are married to be pure? I highly doubt it. The Old and New Testaments both tell us to keep ourselves pure, not just sexually, but physically, emotionally and spiritually as well. Purity is a rare thing in this world today. The world suggests that drugs and alcohol are the norm. Sexual relations before marriage is totally acceptable. Cussing, gossip, and slander are expected if you want to be accepted in a group. Being pure goes so much deeper than just sexually.

We need to be pure in what we say. Our tongue is probably the hardest thing to control. It's easy to let bad words slip, start talking about someone else's business, tell a joke that probably shouldn't be told, or talk bad about someone behind their back. Jesus wants us to have pure tongues and pure language. The same tongue we use to cuss, lie, and gossip with is the same tongue we praise our Lord with. How are you using your tongue?

We need to be pure in where we go. People can tell a lot about us by the places we go. If your friends or coworkers are going to get some drinks after work and you decide to go with them, we are suggesting to them that Christians can partake of that behavior. Christ called us to be different. There are certain places Christians shouldn't be going and by going these places, we see and experience certain things that could make our eyes and our minds impure.

We need to be pure in what we do. Our actions need to show people that we are trying to be more like Christ. How can we have pure actions? We can forgive people even when they won't forgive us. We can show love and compassion on the people who don't deserve it. We can help those who are in need. We can live every day like heaven is coming tomorrow.

We can be pure in so many ways besides sexually. And let's face it, we have all messed up. I know I have. None of us are perfect. We all say things we shouldn't say. We've all been to a place we probably shouldn't have gone. We have all done things we are not proud of. But God will always forgive us. God will always give us an opportunity to become pure again. If you think that you haven't been pure like Christ wants you to be, ask God for forgiveness. Ask Him to make you pure and holy again.

Strive today to be more pure sexually, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. God will help you.

~ Kevin

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