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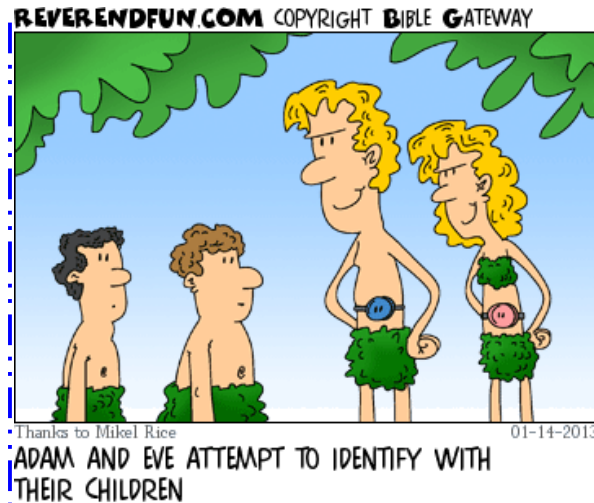
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## Yearly Bible Reading Schedule

*Sunday: Exodus 7-9*  
*Monday: Exodus 10-12*  
*Tuesday: Exodus 13-15*  
*Wednesday: Exodus 16-18*  
*Thursday: Exodus 19-21*  
*Friday: Exodus 22-24*  
*Saturday: Exodus 25-27*

## Bible Reading Questions

1. What happened to Pharaoh's heart when Aaron's serpent (rod) devoured the other serpents?
2. What is the New Testament significance of the firstborn dying in during the last plague?
3. Whose bones did Moses take with him when he left Egypt?
4. How was Jethro related to Moses?
5. Were the Ten Commandments then only law the children of Israel had to follow?



*“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.”*

*~ Genesis 2:7*

*“The Bible is one of the greatest blessings bestowed by God on the children of men. It has God for its author; salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture for its matter. It is all pure.”*

*~ John Locke*

# Discovering Truth

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

## Checking In



We have just finished the third week of the new year and we are starting out on the fourth week. It's time to check in and see how everyone is doing on their New Year's Resolutions. Remember those things? It seems like so long ago where we promised ourselves that we would eat better, lose weight, read more, be nicer to people, and whatever else we were determined to do.

Statistics say that only 8% of the people who make New Years Resolutions will actually follow through and succeed. That means 92% of us will fail. Statistics also show that 29% of resolutions are broken within the first two weeks of the year. And 36% have broken their resolutions within the first month.

I think it's time to check in and see how everyone is doing. How are the diets? How are the exercise programs? How are the Bible reading plans? How is your prayer life? How is your church attendance?

A lot of people think that once they break their resolutions once, then it's all over. Once you missed one day of reading your Bible then you're done and you can't go on. Once you missed one worship service, you feel like your efforts are shattered and it's time to give up. I'm here to tell you not to give up! The year is still early and there is still plenty of time to keep your New Years resolutions.

Quitting should not be an option. Have you asked God for strength during this process? Have you relied on His power or your own? God is always there and He is always listening. Jesus says in Matthew, “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you” (7:7).

Are you finding yourself to be struggling? Ask for God's help. When you ask in faith, wisdom will be given to you. “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that gives to all men liberally...and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith” (James 1:5-6).

Don't find yourself wondering what you could have done different? Always remember that with God's help, all things are possible...even those resolutions.

*~ Kevin*

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## Our Services

### Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am  
Worship: 10:45 am  
Evening: 5:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Class: 7:00 pm

### Our Elders:

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### Our Evangelist:

Kevin Harrington.....714-364-7428  
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## 2013 Theme:

## “Seek and Save”

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



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

# The First Step

Scripture Reading: John 24:1-8

## ➤ Jesus' first step...

- Proved His \_\_\_\_\_ wrong
  - "\_\_\_\_\_ without Jesus is nothing."
  - Jesus without the \_\_\_\_\_ is nothing
  - John 20:24-31
    - "these are written that you may \_\_\_\_\_" (v. 31)
- \_\_\_\_\_ the head of Satan
  - Genesis 3:15
- Gave us \_\_\_\_\_
  - 1 Cor. 15:54-57
  - "\_\_\_\_\_ through our Lord Jesus Christ" (v. 57)
  - He became the hope of the \_\_\_\_\_
    - 1 Tim. 1:1

## ➤ We remember His death and resurrection \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday

- Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:27

"Without Jesus raising from the dead, we have nothing to look forward to"

This Morning's Sermon:

## The first Step

Kevin Harrington

This Evening's Sermon:

## Redemption of Peter

Kevin Harrington

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## Daily Spark #23

Exodus 20:15 "You shall not steal"

The next commandment, like previous ones, seems so simple. It's something we teach kids from the time they can talk. It's not right to take something that doesn't belong to you. The classic example is a kid taking a candy bar from the checkout line at the store while mom pays for the groceries. You find out in the car that they are eating a candy bar that you didn't purchase. Do you let him have it because it was only a dollar, or do you teach them a lesson and take them back to the store to pay for it? Sadly, stealing is a huge part of life today. When we think of stealing, we think of a criminal who is committing grand theft auto. Or even kidnapping is a form of stealing. And again, like many of these commandments, we can fall into the delusion that this command doesn't apply to me because I've never had the urge or temptation to steal something. I think we can steal more than candy bars and cars.

You are sitting at your office, tons of work to do, but you want to see what your friends are up to. So you log onto Facebook, Twitter, Myspace, or any other of these social networking sites. Before you know it, an hour has gone by. Is there anything wrong with taking a short break and checking your personal email or social networking page? Not necessarily. But it becomes a problem when you have spent so much time on the internet, that you are not doing the work your job requires.

Many people will spend hours playing online video games, searching websites, chatting with friends, catching up on your TV shows online, all while putting off the responsibilities of your job. I think now, it classifies as stealing time from your employer. They are paying you for a specific reason and I can almost guarantee you that it's not to be on Facebook all day.

People steal time more often than you think. God wants us to be wise stewards of our time. We only have so much time here on this earth and God wants us to use it wisely. How often do you read your Bible? How often do you pray to God? How often do you try to talk with someone else about Jesus Christ? I can almost guarantee that most Americans spend more time watching TV or being on the internet than they do talking to God or studying His word.

Let's try something today. Try not going on the computer for a whole day. I understand that some of your jobs may require you to be on the computer and that's fine. But instead of doing your personal business on the computer today, use that time to study God's word. Use that time to talk to someone about Jesus. Turn the TV off and talk to your kids about Bible class. Teach your kids a new story from the Bible they've never heard before. You'll be surprised how much time is wasted on useless things and how much time could be given to godly things.

You're probably right, many of us don't have a problem with stealing things from people. We probably don't have the urge to shop lift. But those temptations could still arise. You hear of Christians stealing from church funds. You hear of people stealing other people's spouses. There are many different ways to steal today. Time is one of the biggest. Give some time to God today.

There is only one proper time to steal, and that is in baseball when you are stealing a base. Other than that, God is serious about how we spend our time and how we treat things that aren't ours. Less of self and all of Thee.

~ Kevin

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