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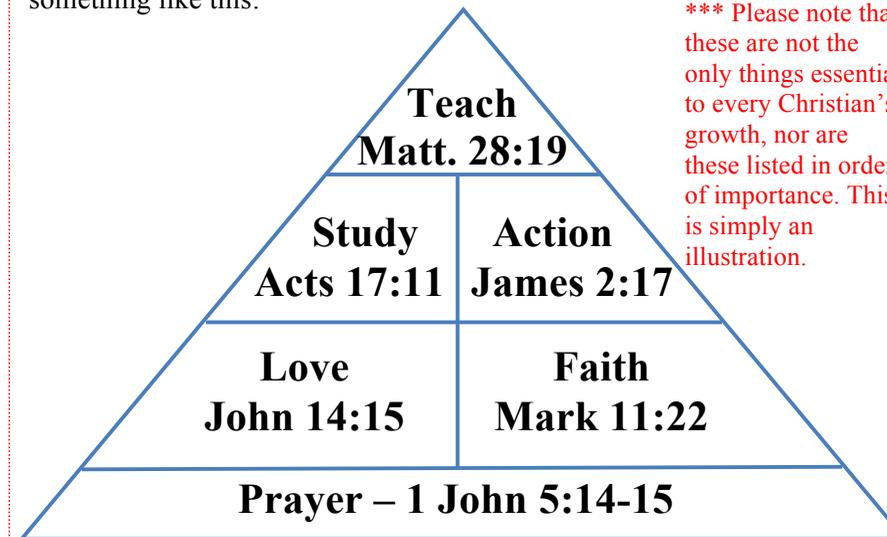
Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk and live in Your truth” - Psalm 86:11

THE BIBLE PYARMID

Growing up, I learned the importance of healthy eating and its necessity for healthy growth. Teachers illustrated what foods were needed more by showing us the food pyramid. Grains at the bottom, followed by fruits and vegetables, next was dairy and protein, and then at the very top was the sweets. A big initiative in this country has always been to get kids (and adults) to eat healthy. We understand the importance of healthy eating because we can see the results on our waistlines. We put so much emphasis on our physical diets, but what about our spiritual diets.

The Hebrew writer had to rebuke the Christians because they were not following a proper diet of God’s word. He says, “for though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food” (Heb. 5:12). How is your spiritual diet? Can it use some work? You may not see the results on your waistline, but you will see the results on Judgment Day.

If there was a Bible Pyramid for a healthy spiritual diet, it might look something like this:



*** Please note that these are not the only things essential to every Christian’s growth, nor are these listed in order of importance. This is simply an illustration.

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 ❖ Estudios biblicos en Español disponibles durante la semana. Por favor llamen a Lalo Enriquez.

Bible Word of the Week

κόσμος – kosmos - world
 (kos'-mos)

Definition: the world, the universe, humankind.



Sentence: “For since, in the wisdom of God, the κόσμος through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.”

~ 1 Cor. 1:21

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

BIBLE FACTS:

The Bible states that two men never died. Instead, they “walked with God.”



- ❖ Enoch in Genesis 5:24
- ❖ Elijah in 2 Kings 2:11.



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PETER FINDS HIS FAITH TO BE MUCH STRONGER IN THE WINTER

“And Peter answered Him and said, ‘Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.’ So He said, ‘Come.’ And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.”

Matthew 14:28-29

“Where there is peace, God is.”
 ~ George Herbert

“The Bible is the rock on which this Republic rests.”
 ~ Andrew Jackson

Value of a Soul

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 3:9-11

❖ God thinks every soul is valuable.

- 2 Pet. 3:9; John 3:16; Is. 1:18
- God looks at everyone and sees a precious _____
- God looks at everyone and sees someone that needs to be _____

❖ What value do we place on...

- Y _____
- Your _____
- The _____
- This _____

• What are some ways I can step up in this church?

1. _____
2. _____

• What are some ways I can step up in my family?

1. _____
2. _____

• What are some ways I can become involved with group evangelism?

1. _____
2. _____

This Morning's Sermon:

Value of a Soul

Kevin Harrington

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Daily Spark #11

James 4:8 "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded."



Have you ever wanted a relationship with someone so badly? You would do anything to be that person's best friend. You would do anything to have a date with that special someone. You want so badly to be liked and loved by a certain people. Do you want that relationship with God?

I feel sorry for God. Ever since the creation of this earth, He's wanted a relationship with His people. He created Paradise for Adam and Eve to enjoy, but because of their sin, they were cast out of the garden. Sin separated man from God. Ever since then, God's been trying to restore that relationship with His people. It doesn't take long reading the scriptures to see that man's sins kept severing that relationship with God. The children of Israel who were led out of Egypt, all the Israelites during the conquest of Canaan, during the time of the judges, kings and prophets, all they wanted to do was give into their own fleshly and worldly lusts and desires. And the whole time, God was patient, long suffering, and loving towards His people.

The same story is true today. God wants a relationship with you. But too often we let our selfish desires and wants get in the way. We continue living lives of sin. We focus on every relationship except our relationship with God. Do you want a relationship with Him? James gives us the best advice; draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

Who do you go to first when you are having a problem? Do you call a friend or do you kneel to God in prayer? Who do you go to for advice? Do you go to a friend or do you turn to God's word? Who do you go to when you are feeling depressed or you are mourning? Do you go to friends and family or do you ask God for relief from your grief? Who do you go to in the best of times? Do you celebrate with friends and family and give yourself the credit, or do you thank God for all of His blessings?

A lot of people wonder why they don't have a better relationship with God. Could it be because we tend to put Him at the bottom of the pecking order? Is He the last one we thank, the last one we talk to, the last one we consult in times of trouble? James says draw near to God and He will draw near to you. There is no question about it. He will be there for you. He will always want a relationship with you. He will always have a home prepared for you. He sent His Son for you. He watched His Son die on a cross for you. He is waiting for you to come home.

But there are things we can do. James says cleanse your hands and purify your hearts. Clean your hands from sin. Don't partake in the sins of the world. Have a pure heart in drawing closer to the Lord. Where are you with your relationship with God? Could it be better? Mine can. What steps are you going to take to strengthen that relationship? Try putting in a little effort. You'll be surprised where that can take you.

~ Kevin (orig. email: 10/24/11)

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