

Bible Word of the Week

πιστεῦό – pisteuo – trust
(pist-yoo'-o)

Definition: to think to be true, to be persuaded of, to credit, place confidence in.



Sentence: “And blessed is she that πιστευο for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.” – Luke 1:45 (Word not used in it's specific verb tense, but instead to show the word in a sentence.)

BIBLE FACTS:

1. A Bible in the University of Gottingen is written on 2,470 palm leaves.
2. 168,000 new Bibles are sold, given away, or distributed in the United States every day (statistic from International Bible Society)



GUARD YOUR HEART

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



“Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.”

Proverbs 4:23

“To the Bible men will return; and why? Because they cannot do without it.”

~ Matthew Arnold

“God brings men into deep waters not to drown them, but to cleanse them.”

~ John H. Aughey

Discovering Truth

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

Making the Extra Effort



Teachers reward the students who work hard. You can tell the difference between a student who does just enough to get by and a student who works above and beyond. Athletes are rewarded when they go out perform everyone else. They are ones who win the MVP awards and get the big time paydays. You are rewarded at work for doing stellar work and meeting your deadlines. We see it everywhere we go: the people who make the extra effort are rewarded for their work.

Don't you think the same thing would be true of God's kingdom? We are all workers in God's vineyard. Time and time again we read about the Kingdom of God being likened to workers in a vineyard. Are you working hard? Are you doing the bare minimum? Or are you making the extra effort?

God has called us to work in His vineyard. He wants us to win souls. Jesus told us, “open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for the harvest” (John 4:35). What are we doing to win souls for Christ? Have we decided that was someone else's job? Are we doing the bare minimum? Or are we going above and beyond our call of duty and trying to save every soul we come in contact with?

Are you serving God to the best of your ability? Some people only come to one church service, is that making the extra effort? Some people only come to services, but they don't help out in worship. Is that making the extra effort? Some people will do just enough get by. If we have that attitude, then we will be sorely disappointed when we get to heaven. Jesus said, “not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven” (Matt. 7:21). **That should scare us.** That should be a wake up call for us to start serving God to the best of our ability. Doing “just enough” is not serving God. Coming to only one service during the week is doing the bare minimum. God wants you to make the extra effort. And when you do, He will reward you greatly.

~ Kevin

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PLANTING YOUR ROOTS

Scripture Reading: Psalm 1:1-3

Luke 13:6-9

❖ Planting Your Roots

- A _____ the plant to the ground
 - Psalm 1:1-3
 - A _____ water and nutrients
 - Are we doing all we can to soak up the knowledge of God? – 2 Pet 3:18
 - _____ water and nutrients
 - Acts 20:31; 1 Cor. 11:2; 2 Thess. 2:5; 2 Pet. 1:15; Jude 1:17; Rev. 3:3
 - Many Christians suffer from spiritual _____ and _____
 - Keeps the tree s _____ and t _____
 - Proverbs 22:6; 1 Cor. 15:58
- ### ❖ Growth takes _____ (v. 7)
- ### ❖ Growth takes _____ (v. 8)
- ### ❖ What's the tree's purpose?
- To bear _____ (v. 9)
 - John 15:4-8; 16
 - The fruit of _____
 - Rom. 1:13
 - The fruit of _____
 - Col. 1:10; Matt. 5:16; Eph. 2:10; Tit. 2:13-14; 2 Thess. 3:13
 - The fruit of the _____
 - Gal. 5:22-23

This Morning's Sermon:

Planting Your Roots

Kevin Harrington

This Evening's Sermon:

Devotional

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Daily Spark #181

Genesis 1:11 "Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth.' And it was so."

I've been a California boy all my life. I grew up in Southern California until I went off to college. Believe it or not, California has many great things in it. There are great Christians who want to serve God, but there is also good scenery. You've got the beautiful mountains, the green valleys, and the breath taking beaches. I recently moved up to Northern California and there is even more beauty up here. Yesterday I took a trip to the Muir Woods just north of San Francisco. I was in awe.



God's creation is amazing. God never ceases to amaze me. If you've never heard of the Muir Woods, then you've probably heard them called by their more "informal" name: The Giant Redwoods. I had never seen the Redwoods in person; I had only grown up seeing pictures in my California history books. These trees cover 554 acres and can reach up to 379 feet tall and 26 feet wide. Actually, one tree has been carved out so you can drive your car through it. These trees tower over everything else in the forest. They provide a perfect habitat and ecosystem for other living organisms. They can actually withstand harsh fires because of their thick bark. Some of the trees date back to about 1800-2000 years ago (that's about the time of Jesus). Needless to say, seeing these trees in person took my breath away.

I couldn't help but think about the creation of God and just how perfect it is. God made those trees. God made those trees for a specific purpose. Our verse today says that God made the grass, herbs, and trees, but a few simple words don't do it justice. The beauty of God's creation is so much more powerful than this one verse has to offer. I think sometimes we briefly read over the creation account and we don't fully grasp the awe and mighty power of what God's creation really has to offer. I felt so small compared to these trees. I was actually able to stand inside one of the tree's trunks. So I was literally inside one of these giant redwoods.

If you ever get a chance to come to Northern California, I recommend you stop and see God's creation. However, wherever you are today, I'm sure you can see just how special God made your state or country. I'm sure you can see just how awesome God is by looking out your window. I've been blessed to be all over this country and I have never been let down by God's creation. He has truly blessed us. Take a moment today to thank Him for His beauty and might. Take a moment to go enjoy the gift that God has given us. He has given us His creation to enjoy.

If I can get this excited over some trees, I can only imagine what Heaven will be like.

~ Kevin

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