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Bible Word of the Week

Κατασκευάζω – kataskeuazo
(kat-ask-yoo-ad'-zo)

Definition: to prepare,
furnish, equip, make
ready



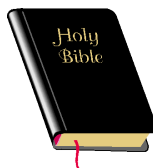
Sentence: “For this is
he, of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send
my messenger before thy face, which shall
κατασκευάζω thy way before thee.’”
~ Matthew 11:10

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

BIBLE FACTS:

1. Josephus, a Jewish historian,
and Tacitus, a Roman
historian, both wrote about
events that occur in the New
Testament. These men’s writings are viewed
as historically accurate, giving accuracy to
the Scriptures.

2. There are no contradictions in the Bible.



“And they went into the ark to Noah,
two by two, of all flesh in which is the
breath of life.”

Genesis 7:15

“When you have read the Bible, you
know it is the Word of God, because it is
the key to your heart, your own
happiness, and your own duty.”

~ Woodrow Wilson

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Discovering Truth

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

School As A Battleground

It seems like it was yesterday when you could hear the last school bell ring letting you know that summer had officially begun. You trade in your backpacks full of books for suitcases full of swimsuits and sunglasses. Summer vacations have come and gone. But we’ve reached the time of year where it starts getting darker earlier, the leaves will start changing colors and the heat will turn into cool, crisp air. And all this can only mean one thing: school is back in session. Many of the young people are already back in classes, while some will start in the coming weeks. Moms and dads may be done with school, but the thought of sending a child off to their first day of middle school, high school, or even college can be very frightening. Schools today are a battleground of sins and temptations. Will they remember everything we’ve taught them about friends, relationships, drinking, etc.?

Message to the kids/teens: This is a new year; a time to start fresh and start over. It’s easy to get sucked into all the temptations that can be found on a college or high school campus. Satan is prowling like a lion ready to devour you (1 Peter 5:8), but remember who you are. Remember that you wear the name of Christ proudly. Paul wrote in 1 Cor. 11:1 to “imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.” Remember that our attitude and our personality should always imitate Christ. There will be times where it will be hard to do the right thing and you’ll find yourselves between a rock and a hard place, but just remember “if God is for us, who can be against us?” (Rom. 8:31). Remember that you have a family of Christians that are here for you whenever you need them. Don’t be afraid to admit you need help.

Message to the parents: It’s impossible to know everything that goes on while your child is at school. But the best thing you can do is give them a daily reminder of the Lord they serve. Pray with your children each morning before school. Read scriptures with them about temptations and how to overcome them. Write a scripture on a piece of paper or a napkin and put it in their lunch. If their mind is constantly on the Lord, guess who will be on their mind when a problem arises.

Message to the congregation: It is not just the parent’s responsibility to raise these children in the “training and admonition of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4). As a flock of God’s people we are to look after each other. We are to all set an example in “word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity” (1 Tim. 4:12). Let’s all take the responsibility to make sure that everyone continues to grow spiritually. Whether you want to admit it or not, every child in this congregation is your own. Do whatever you can to help these students succeed.

~ Kevin

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

Lessons From Geese: Part 1

Scripture Reading: Ecc. 4:10-12

❖ You can accomplish _____ if you work _____

- Rom. 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 10:17; 12:12-21

1. People who share a common _____ get where they are going _____ and _____

- a. Establish our _____
 - i. Phil. 3:14; Col. 3:1-2
- b. Fly t _____
 - i. Eph. 4:15-16; Rom. 15:5-6
- c. What's the benefit of flying together?
 - i. We _____ each others load
 - Matt. 11:28-30; Gal. 6:2
 - ii. We form a _____ that cannot be broken
 - Ecc. 4:12

2. _____ in _____ with those headed where we want to go

- a. Surround ourselves with _____ examples
 - i. Acts 5:13
- b. When we move out of position, it affects _____
 - i. 2 Pet. 2:1-2
- c. By staying in formation, we are willing to accept _____ from others

3. It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing _____

- a. Are we willing to jump up and take responsibility for things going on in the church?

This Morning's Sermon:

Lessons From Geese: Part 1

Kevin Harrington

This Evening's Sermon:

Song Practice

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Daily Spark #5

2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

How amazing is it that we have scriptures that are directly from God? The words of the Bible are what God wanted us to know. He wanted us to read and understand them. He wanted us to learn from them and apply them in our lives. Paul shows us what else God intended His scriptures to be used for.

The scriptures are profitable for **doctrine**. That means that the scriptures are to be used for teaching and communicating. This is probably the most common use for the scriptures. Everyone sees God's word as a tool to teach others about the salvation in Jesus Christ, about how great our God is, and how we can be moral and righteous people. Are we teaching other people? Are we teaching our family? Jesus has given us specific commandments to go out and teach the world. A lot of people get scared because they don't know what to teach. Here is a good place to start...the scriptures.

The scriptures are profitable for **reproof**. That means that scriptures can convince or rebuke. Have you ever had to discipline a child for not doing what was right? Adults sometimes need some discipline as well. On many occasions God had to discipline His people. We are all too familiar with the stories of Noah, Sodom and Gomorrah, and the children of Israel who couldn't enter the Promised Land. We too need to be disciplined based on our actions. God's word shows us exactly how to carry out the discipline. And sometimes, just the words we read are enough to rebuke our actions and make us want to live better lives.

The scriptures are profitable for **correction**. There are times where people stray from what's right and the scriptures are to be used to correct the wrong doings and show them how to get back on the right track. When you did test corrections in school, did you leave the answers wrong, or did you correct them and make them right? The same thing applies to our spiritual lives. There are times where, whether we want to admit it or not, we are wrong. And God's word will always show us how to correct ourselves and put us back in a proper relationship with God.

We also see that scriptures are to be used for **instruction in righteousness**. There's the saying, "real men don't need instructions." Let me update that saying, "Godly people will follow His instructions." Many people don't like to be told what to do, but the scriptures do just that. They give us instructions on how to live a righteous life, how to treat others, how to fix problems, how to treat our spouse and our kids, how to worship, how to be a strong leader, and how to be an example. The scriptures are full of instructions.

The scriptures are more than just a bunch of writings from a long time ago. They are full of life! They tell us what is right (doctrine), what is not right (reproof), how to get right (correction), and how to stay right (instruction). God has given us His word so that we may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. God has given us everything we need. God's word can change your life if you let it. Devote yourself to it. Study it everyday. Be more like Jesus. You'll be surprised at the results.

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