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10:00 AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - THREE NUGGETS FOR THE NEW YEAR

11:00 AM SERMON - BEN WRIGHT - BIBLE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WE ASK

PLEASE READ THE BIBLE EVERY DAY IS OUR CHALLENGE FROM THE ELDERS FOR 2011. WE CAN READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN 2011 THIS WAY. THE DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK WILL BE PLACED IN THE BULLETIN

READING FOR THE WEEK: SUN- GENESIS 5-8; MON - 9-12; TUE - 13-16; WED - 17-19; THUR - 20-23; FRI - 24-25; SAT - 26-28; SUN - 29-30

BIRTHDAYS:

Jan 5: Willie Nelson

7: Francis Vinson

8: Henry McDonald

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

WORSHIP 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

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THREE NUGGETS FOR THE NEW YEAR

(2 Peter 3:8)

Our lives are not _____.

- A. Many people in today's world see nothing but futility in life and have little or no reason for _____.
- 1. You see many trying to escape life through _____ and _____ use.
- 2. Others try to escape through _____.
- B. The _____ is, when God is not in one's life, life is futile.
- C. In reality, our life can have great _____ when we allow it to be used by God to touch the lives of others.
- D. We can find meaning in life by giving our _____ and _____ to others (John 13:34-35).
- E. When we are an _____ to others, we can help them get to heaven.
- F. If we pay attention to the _____ God gives us we can lead fulfilling, joy-filled lives (2 Corinthians 4:1).
- G. When we seek that which does not _____, our lives have great meaning (John 6:27; 2 Corinthians 4:17-5:1).

I. Our failures are not _____.

- A. _____ was not careful with the truth.
- B. _____ stole his brother's birthright.
- C. _____ struck the rock instead of speaking to it.
- D. _____ was an adulterer and murderer.
- E. _____ denied the Lord and later was a hypocrite.
- F. _____ was a persecutor.
- G. _____ deserted the mission field.
- H. Have you stopped to ask _____ they weren't fatal?
 - 1. It is because of the _____ of the God we serve.
 - 2. Over forty times in the Old Testament we are told that the mercies of God endure _____ (Psalm 106:1; 107:1; 100).

II. Our death is not final.

- A. How do we _____ towards death?
- B. Some view death as the _____.
- C. When we view death through the eye of faith, we see it is not the end, only the _____.
- 1. Philippians 1:19-24.
- 2. This can only be through the _____ of Jesus.
- D. Someone summarized John 3:3-5 this way: "If a man is born _____, he must die _____; if he is born _____ he must die only _____."

Why Study God's Word

Ron Boatwright

Just as we eat 3 meals a day to sustain our physical bodies, we must also feast on God's word daily to sustain our souls. If we don't we are in danger of losing our souls. God says in Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge." People will be lost because they did not care enough to read and study God's instruction book on how to go to heaven.

Paul says in 2 Thessalonians 2:10 that people will be lost "because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved." Satan wants to distract us with the cares and deceits of this world. He does not want us to read and study our Bibles every day. He knows that we become weak and vulnerable when we fail to study. Our strongest defense is a shield of faith. How do we obtain that shield of faith to protect us? Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." The more we study the word of God the stronger our faith will be. If we want to protect ourselves against Satan we must have a strong faith.

In years past we in the churches of Christ were known as "walking Bibles" because brethren often studied their Bibles. But sad to say, this is no longer true because we have failed to study God's word, as we should. But what happens when we fail to study God's word and become spiritually starved? 2 Peter 3:16 says that those who are "untaught and unstable resist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the scriptures." We cannot understand God's word unless we study it. And because of this Jesus says in Matthew 5:14, "They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a ditch."

To keep from wandering around in spiritual darkness, let's study God's word so that "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalms 119:105). Let's not endanger our souls by a lack of study of God's word. Let's take time to study it daily.

Our elders have challenged us this year to be daily Bible readers. In reality, God has issued that challenge from the day we became Christians. If we want to do better in 2011, we must know better. Let us be like the Psalmist when he wrote, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (119:11) - Ben