

The Importance of Bible Study

Scripture

“. . . I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.” (1Jo 2:14 AV)

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” (Col 3:16 AV)

Commentary

There is a direct correlation between holiness and Bible study. That is if your Bible study is Spirit led. You could study the Bible academically and come away from it with little change, but if you seek to know the Lord’s heart in your study, it will have a profound impact.

Notice that John makes this correlation. Speaking to the young men, he calls them strong with the Word of God abiding in them. The result of that abiding was they overcame the wicked one.

Therefore, Paul commands us to let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly. The word dwell is in the imperative mood, the command mood. The (1912) Weymouth translation reads as follows. “Let the teaching concerning Christ remain as a rich treasure in your hearts. In all wisdom teach and admonish one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, and sing with grace in your hearts to God.” (Col 3:16 WEY).

The question to ask is this. Is the teaching concerning Christ remaining in your heart as a rich treasure, or is it low on your priorities? I hope you make it a priority if it is not one now. Not to do so is to disobey the Lord’s command.

One of the reasons I started writing *Word for the Day* was to discipline myself to stay in the Scriptures. That still is a very important aspect of this ministry personally. Know yourself well. I know if I don’t aggressively pursue God, sin soon begins to sprout in the cracks like weeds in my sidewalk. The Christian life requires us to die daily (Mark 8:34-35). Part of that is putting off the urgent to deal with the most important, your spiritual life.

I know it seems like you never have enough time to get it all done, but remember what God has promised. “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.” (Pr 3:5-6 NKJV) In God’s economy the best investment is made in spiritual resources.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we seek you this morning. Let us find you in your Word. Open our hearts to wisdom, and let us see the way we must go. There are many urgent needs that pull us this way and that, but there is only one thing that can prepare us to deal with this life and the next. Forgive us when we fail to let your Word dwell in us richly. Lord, we need you every hour, amen.