

**General Topics :: How many christians read there bible ?****How many christians read there bible ? - posted by deltadom (), on: 2005/3/25 21:46**

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Re: How many christians read there bible ? - posted by Matt25 (), on: 2005/3/25 22:29

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Re: How many christians read there bible ? - posted by dann (), on: 2005/3/25 23:02

Quote:

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I chanted the salvation mantra (sinner's prayer) when I was a young man, but it wasn't until a dozen or so years later that I had a real meeting with God. The chanting the mantra did nothing - I was a worse sinner than ever I was before - but one day on my bed, through tears of anguish and great tribulation, I finally looked at my wretched estate, and came to God in earnest. I have read the bible every day since, and it has been the sweetest joy to do so. I marvel when Christians tell me they don't read the bible, or that they read it only sparingly. Where is the hunger??

Dan
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Re: - posted by inotof (), on: 2005/3/26 10:37

not sure about the national average, but i know there's three at my house.

Re: How many christians read there bible ?, on: 2005/3/26 14:03

Hmmm, I do not read the bible by verse by verse or by chapter by chapter, I meditate on the wording, sometimes it may be one word or a group of words. No I guess I would not be in the class of just your average bible reader.

One verse at time, here a little there a little. Sometimes that one verse will carry me from week to week until another one is given to chew on. This weeks verse for me is:

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation, for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life, which the LORD hath promised to them that love Him" James 1:12

The goal here for me is the Crown of Life. A crown is placed on the head, signifying that we would have obtained the mind of Christ after enduring a great fight of affliction. Christ is our Crowning Glory.

Thanks for asking.

Karl

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Re: reading is not enough - posted by relewis111 (), on: 2005/3/26 14:26

Reading the bible I do every day, but more importantly the question for me is how much scripture do I have memorized? I also think in terms of redeeming my time because I will have to account for how I spend my day. Do I read the bible like it's the life, the light, the living word and the only offensive weapon in daily spiritual battle? For all this and more is what that book of pages and words means to me.

Rich

Re: How many christians read there bible ?, on: 2005/3/26 18:37

Everyday.....first thing upon awakening with my first cup of coffee. And right before I do I pray to God to open my eyes, my spiritual eyes to reveal hidden truths. It's a supernatural Book, its a Holy Faith we have, and that Book can cut chunk s out of a sinners heart.

I'm in Philippians, the Book of Joy.

I dont know how many read the Word regularly, but I pray that anyone reading my response to you, pick up the Bible and read some of it, and the part they read SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THEIR HEARTS.

In Jesus' Name.

Re: - posted by iHilam (), on: 2005/3/26 19:25

I have a tendency not listen to the one's who say they heard a Word from God and they haven't bothered to read what the Bible says. I believe that the Holy Spirit has a difficult time ministering us when we haven't read the bible.

In Christ,
iHilam

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2005/3/26 19:56

John 14

24He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

If we really love Jesus we will read what he says and I sometimes really want to help people the problem is that they have not read enough for me to explain what I mean.

Re: - posted by Matt25 (), on: 2005/3/26 20:06

Quote:

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Amen!

Re: - posted by PreachParsly (), on: 2005/3/27 21:15

Here is a question I have been thinking about: Do I know God or do I just know His Word? It may seem like a weird question but so many people can quote the Word but have no idea who God is or what He likes/dislikes. Eve quoted God in the garden but wasn't obedient to God. Do we know God or are we just Bible "thinkers", that to fulfill some religious need we create long lists of doctrinal statements using the Scriptures? Or do we know God and his likeness? Prayer is how we know God. These are just questions I have been asking myself lately.. not directed at anyone. I'm not taking away from Bible reading.. I read everyday I just believe it is SOO important to be balanced. We must have the Word and be in prayer. If we only have the Word we will only have dry theology. If we only have prayer we will be "Super Spiritual" which in actuality means super fleshly or demonic. I believe this is how many people err, they are not balanced.

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Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2005/3/31 20:37

In the bible it says

Joh 5:39 - Show Context

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me

The reason I love the bible is because I love Jesus, we need both but in our culture it is more common for people to go in the other direction. There is a danger going in both ways.

Re: - posted by seekinggod (), on: 2005/4/4 19:27

Quote:
-----I'm guessing 1 or 2 out of 100 who call themselves Christians regularly read and study the Bible. Maybe less I don't know. (I don't sound pessimistic do I?)

In our church I would say 1 in 5 read it at least once a week. One of the sad truths that accompanies this is the fact that many Christian truths are never taught from the pulpit. Few in our church know about original sin, and couldn't begin to tell you what "whatever is not from faith is sin" means.

Because of this, we have many "working their way" into Heaven without focusing on a trusting, abiding relationship in Christ.

Judgment is also never, ever talked about, nor repentance. Our pastor (who is my best friend) insists he talks about sin, but he doesn't. There is no way that young Christians could ever in a million years derive a working definition of sin from our teachings.

I keep reminding him that when he leads others to Christ, he must in some way, shape or form define sin. He just doesn't understand that the unsaved aren't familiar with Christian terms.

It can be frustrating, especially when I ponder how many are being ehred off into the pits of hell.

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/4/5 12:20

I have come to look for the fruit that is spoken of in the parable of the sower. I see many that appear to be in the first three groups. I see few who truly have the love of the word of God planted in their hearts. Remember this is the promise of the new covenant.

Heb 8:

10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

The love for the word of God cannot be manufactured, it is planted by our Savior.

In Christ
Jeff

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/4/5 13:30

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-----I'm guessing 1 or 2 out of 100 who call themselves Christians regularly read and study the Bible. Maybe less I don't know. (I don't sound pessimistic do I?)

In devotions this morning on CCBC Campus, brother Jason shared from Psalm 119:161-168. He really gave a powerful message about the Word of God and the convictions God was laying on his heart.

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Psalm 119:162: I rejoice at Your word as one who finds **great treasure**.

This great treasure (spoils) is something that is won after an victory over an city. We have been given the Words of life and namely Christ Jesus Himself who is life eternal who had victory over the world and the devil. What amazing riches of God are revealed to us in His word.

On another facet really how much do we care that we have the actual words of God. Do we reverence it as such? Is there an holy Awe of Gods word?

Psalm 119:161: Princes persecture me without a cause, But my heart stands **in awe of Your word**.

If we had to shed blood to have our bibles in our hands then we would treat it as something more blessed and as a great treasure. Let us be real with ourselves and cry out to God to shake us from the complacency of having the Word of God in our hands and not really caring. What glorious things we are given in the Scriptures and what an wonderful God we serve that is so good to us!

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Re:, on: 2005/4/5 13:42

Quote:
-----On another facet really how much do we care that we have the actual words of God. Do we reverence it as such? Is there an holy Awe of Gods word?

I think this begs the question... do we really have the actual words of God? There was a time when the majority of believers actually believed that. But since the advent of the modern versions in 1881 there has been a great eroding of this belief. Which version has the actual words of God? The KJV? The NIV? Or, to go deeper... the Received Text (also known as the Majority Text)? Or is it in the Alexandrian Text?

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Yea, isnt that interesting? Over 100 new versions have been copyrighted and printed since 1881 (all based on the Alexandrian Text) with the goal of making the Bible more readable and understandable... yet, "we don't have any power".

Is there a connection? I think undeniably so. The church lacks power, and is more like the world than ever before. I think there is a direct connection between that, and the plethora of corrupt modern versions that have flooded the church in the last 100 years.

Krispy

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2005/4/5 14:54

Question is, How many christians read there bible ?

Well I read mine, and sometimes other folks Bibles also, does this help answer you question? :-)

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Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/4/5 15:52

Br. Gregg wrote:

Quote:
-----If we had to shed blood to have our bibles in our hands then we would treat it as something more blessed and as a great treasure.

I look at it just the opposite. We would not shed our blood unless it first was our treasure. All things start with God.

Matt. 13:44 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Matt. 13:45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, 46 who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

We cannot treasure something which has no affect on our life. We cannot know the word of God as our treasure unless we first read it. We cannot know the word of God as our treasure unless it becomes part of our life. Only through realizing the substance of what we hope for do we begin to see the power of God in our lives.

Heb 4

12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Heb 5:

13 For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Matt. 13:15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull.
Their ears are hard of hearing,
And their eyes they have closed,
Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears,
Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn,
So that I should heal them.Â'

How many are being healed by the word of God in this generation?

In Christ
Jeff

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2005/4/6 9:54

In canterbury we had a bible quiz to see much people now of the bible it may be a smart thing to do

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2005/4/7 20:08

I have known christian who do not know the bible and I want to help them but the problem is that they do not know enough of the language or I ahve to explain what that verse says in modern english I find because of the influx of television and the media the language that I try and propiate is beyond what they understand and I get tired and weary of explainign simple priniciples such as dont watch bad movies becuase they will harm you or dont marry a non christian or the music you listen to may harm you. I struggle trying to love them because I know that there is something that will do them harm but do not have the language to express it. That is why I want so much for this generation to be a praying and biblical generation. I want these dry bones to live. I also find it hard when I am trying to explain something which is loving and people see it as condemnatory. This is one of the reasons why I want more people to read there bible

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Re: - posted by Heavenlyman, on: 2005/4/7 21:43

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Some times even people is been a christian for long time, but still not able to understand the word of God. There would have some things in their life blocking them from understanding the Bible, their hearts and spiritual eyes and ears are still closed from receiving his teaching that they may grow in Christ... If you want to have the victory in this try to search your own heart that you may able to find how to give the love of Christ to them, overcome it by praying and fasting "for we battle not by flesh and blood but we are battling against the principalities, against the power... against spiritual host of this dark age, ask God to grant you his will in this area, and may receive His understanding. When you feel you are struggling to minister to them either you doing it by your own strength and wrong heart or your are fighting against the strong man that got hold of their life. Be led by the Holy Spirit and He will guide you of what you need to do and how to be able to touch their heart.

Yours In Christ Jesus,
Claudette

Re: How many Christians read their bible? - posted by MD4Christ, on: 2005/4/7 22:51

Well unfortunately I think America has slipped into something called "greasy grace." This is the belief that "if you prayed a prayer once in your life, checked off a church card stating you have received Christ, or you went up front to the altar to accept Christ in a general prayer for the crowd" then you are "once saved, always saved!" I do believe that what God starts he will finish because we are HIS workmanship, but to suggest that one can live like a devil and be "saved" is ridiculous. To say Christians can never pray, never read their bibles, and still be Christian is wrong! That idea will take many false converts to hell. Many think that they have a ticket to heaven after praying that magic prayer, as if God is inclined to accept them when there is no genuine repentance or conversion on their part. I think it's absurd to suggest that the mighty, omnipotent God of the bible who commanded the mountains to rise, and the stars, and the planets to take their places would have a hard time working in someone's life to conform them to the image of his Son. I am not suggesting that we are perfect, but the bible commands us to strive for that. Christians who do not have a hunger for God's word or for fellowship with the Almighty Creator in prayer should examine themselves very carefully.

Re: - posted by rookie (), on: 2005/4/8 10:35

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I have started raising up other men to learn how to teach from Scripture. The ability to read and comprehend is a major stumbling block. My wife is a teacher's aide at the local elementary school and she tells me of horror stories of the many children who are falling behind because they cannot read. Television and computer games are destroying the minds of these generations. These activities suck up the precious time of our children when they should be exercising their minds

Have patience and persevere. All we have is time. So spend it with those who have a desire to learn the word of God.

In Christ
Jeff

Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2005/4/10 22:14

Have the new versions increased bible reading ?

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Re: - posted by CJaKfOrEsT (), on: 2005/4/11 8:07

Quote:

deltadom wrote:

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Apparently, Smith Wigglesworth was illiterate before picking up the Bible, and it was the only book he ever read. There's hope for us all yet:-).