

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements

Jon Barry

Song Leader

Daniel Allgor

Lord’s Supper

Rodney Ellis, Bill Rinehart

Mark Davis

Prayers

Willie Standokes, Jerry Schnelle

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Announcements

Randy Ellis

Song Leader

Bryan Garlock

Prayers

Jack Calvert, Mark Davis

Invitation

Jack Calvert

and admonition of the "Lord," their children brought them "down" in the nurture and admonition of the “devil.”

Our children may do wrong, but they must not do wrong with our permission! We do not seek anger, but repentance. Parents, would your names fit in the place of "George" and "Mary" in the above story?

ABOUT US

Elders

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Deacons

Jon Barry Mike Davis

Clay Morris

Evangelist

Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study9:30 A.M.

Worship10:15 A.M.

Monday (Zoom)

Bible Study7:00 P.M

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD’S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear

the word of truth

..... Romans 10:13-17

Believe

the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent

from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess

the name of Christ ... Matthew10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized

in His name Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk

in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

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How Can I Get More Out of Bible Study?

Mark White

Many people ask this very question. It comes from a sincere desire to read and understand the Bible — just as God intended — for God did not give us an unintelligible book. He knows we can understand His word, and He gave us that word to comprehend. However, the Bible is a book which must be "rightly divided" as Paul said to Timothy (2 Tim. 2:15). One must study the Bible in order to properly discern its teachings. Timothy was commanded to study and read the Scriptures (1 Tim. 4:13). The fact that he was so commanded means that it was possible for his study to be productive and useful. As Christians, Peter exhorts us to add knowledge to our faith (2 Peter 1:5). If we achieve this knowledge, it will come through study of God's word. No one will be miraculously endowed with scriptural knowledge in our generation.

If Bible study is to be profitable to us, we must make the proper approach to Scripture. Bible reading is different than

reading the newspaper or a novel. Following some of these guidelines for effective Bible reading and study will help you get more out of the time you spend with the Word of God.

Read with reverence. The Bible is "inspired" of God. It did not originate with man. II Peter 1:21 says that the Holy Spirit "moved" the men who wrote the Scriptures. Read with a sense of need. Realize that you need God's instruction and that He will provide it through His word. Man is incapable of directing his own steps (Jeremiah 10:23).

Think while you are reading. How often have you read words but did not comprehend because you were not thinking about what you were reading? The Bible deserves meditation — deliberate thinking. Don't imagine that just reading the words of the Bible will help you. The upright man of Psalm 1:2 meditated on the law of God.

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember the health concerns of *Francine Davis, Gerald Eaton, Joey Avance, Jerry Schnelle, Bonnie Allgor, Pat Buls, Sonny & Cathy Monaghan, Beth Ellen,* and *Pete Rowland.*

Mark your calendars for our upcoming gospel singing (April 1 at 7 PM) and our gospel meeting with Don Truex (April 8-10).

After the assembly, we will be having lunch at Clay and Laci’s house (Sunday, April 10).

Please keep me (Bryan) in your prayers. I have been having some throat irritation that has been affecting my voice. My regular doctor is not sure what is causing this problem. I have an appointment with an ENT on April 27.

Don't "read something into" the Bible. Let the Bible speak for itself. So many people make the mistake of reading the Bible with their minds already made up concerning what it has to say. We must not decide what we want to believe and then go to the Bible to try and prove it. The Scriptures are profitable for doctrine (teaching) according to II Timothy 3:16. Allow the Scriptures to formulate your beliefs.

Determine to apply what you are reading. If you love God's truth, you must be governed by it. If you read the Scriptures but fail to do what you read, do not be surprised if soon your Scripture reading stops altogether. We must not only listen to the Scriptures, we must also obey them (James 1:22). The Scriptures are not designed to be ignored.

Why not give these suggestions a try and see if your personal Bible study doesn't improve?

Ten Rules To Promote Harmony Among Church Members (Unknown)

Remember that we are all subject to failings of one kind or another.

Bear with (not magnify) each other's infirmities. (Galatians 6:1-2)

Pray for one another in our meetings, and particularly in private. (James 5:26)

Avoid going from house to house for the purpose of bearing news and interfering with other people's business.

Always turn-a-deaf-ear to any slanderous report and lay no charge against any person until well founded.

If a member is at fault, tell them of it in private, before it is mentioned to others.

Be careful of avoiding someone because of some action that has the appearance of opposition or resentment.

If a member has offended, consider how Godlike it is to forgive, and how unlike a Christian it is to seek revenge.

Remember that it is a giant artifice of the devil to promote animosities among members of the church. So we should therefore try hard not to let him succeed.

Consider how much more good we can do in the world and in the church in particular, when we are all united in love.

**Permissive Parents
Bill Hall**

Children can influence their parents just as parents can influence their children. The following story about an imaginary couple may have been duplicated in the lives of many of our readers.

George and Mary were a wonderful couple as they began their life together. Throughout their youth they had received strong teaching concerning worldliness, and their conduct showed the effects of that teaching.

They had been taught faithfulness in attendance, and they never missed a service for "anything." In character and conviction, they were blameless.

This young couple failed, however, to instill into the hearts of their children these same convictions. Consequently, as the children reached their teens, they began to put pressure on their parents to let them do what all the other young people were doing. Gradually the will of the parents was broken down, and they

began to permit their children to do things they never dreamed their children would do.

Rationalization came easy for George and Mary. "After all, the Bible is not specific in these matters," they thought. "The Bible says 'modest apparel,' but it doesn't define modesty." "And, they're only planning to go to the dance; they aren't planning to dance." "We can't say 'no' to everything," they said. When Junior began to show unusual athletic ability, the question of attending services became a problem. At first they took Junior out of games and brought him to midweek services, but then the team began to depend more and more on him. The play-offs came, and the team's only hope in the play-offs was for Junior to play. George and Mary gave in. And once they had given in, they had no more argument for the future. Junior never missed another game to "go to church.”

George and Mary often found themselves on the defensive in Bible classes. They began to argue for their children's behavior. And, the more accustomed they became to their children's actions, the more innocent their actions seemed to be. Eventually, their own conduct became affected. They reached the point where they thought nothing of missing on Friday night during a meeting to see Junior play ball. Mary even adopted some of the daughter's dress habits, although remaining sufficiently "discreet" to stay in the good graces of the brethren. Yes, George and Mary are still in good standing in the church, and their change has been so gradual that many fail to realize that they are not the strong Christians they formerly were. What happened to George and Mary? Instead of bringing their children "up" in the nurture