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Oasis Sunday School Class

DISCIPLINES FOR THE CHRISTIAN LIFE-LESSON 2

To be
God like

1 TIMOTHY 4:7 DISCIPLINE YOURSELVES FOR THE PURPOSE OF GODLINESS

REVIEW: DISCIPLINE WITHOUT DIRECTION IS DRUDGERY.

DISCIPLINE NUMBER 1- Bible Intake

- THE MOST important DISCIPLINE
- THERE IS NO substitute FOR IT
- NO healthy CHRISTIAN GROWTH WITHOUT IT

THE WORD IS:

- WHERE WE LEARN AND HEAR GOD Speak
- WHERE WE LEARN ABOUT JESUS AS THE incarnation OF GOD
- WHERE WE HEAR THE SAVING gospel
- WHERE WE LEARN THE way AND THE will OF GOD
- WHERE WE LEARN HOW GOD WANTS US TO live
- WHERE WE FIND WHAT BRINGS joy IN LIFE
- THE DISCIPLINE THAT BRINGS transformation
- THE only PLACE THAT CONTAINS THIS ETERNAL INFORMATION

BIBLE INTAKE CONSISTS OF 5 SUBDISCIPLINES:

1. Hearing GOD'S WORD

LUKE 11:28 BLESSED RATHER ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND KEEP IT.

1 TIM. 4:13 UNTIL I COME, DEVOTE YOURSELF TO THE PUBLIC READING OF SCRIPTURE, TO EXHORTATION, TO TEACHING

"THE WORD OF GOD IS TO BE THE CENTERPIECE OF YOUR LIFE."

2. Read GOD'S WORD

HAVE YOU EVER READ THE ENTIRE BIBLE? YES OR NO

HOW WILL IT HAPPEN?

- 1 SET ASIDE A time
- 2 FIND A BIBLE READING plan

SUGGESTIONS:

- READ 3 C'S EACH DAY AND 5 ON SUNDAY (1 YEAR PLAN)
- READ 3 C'S IN THE OT AND 3 C'S IN THE NT (U WILL FINISH THE OT ONCE AND THE NT 4 TIMES IN A YEAR)
- TO OFFER VARIETY READ BEGINNING IN GEN., JOB, AND MATTHEW EACH DAY
- THE BIBLE RECAP BY D-GROUP -
- HOLY BIBLE APP
- FOUNDATIONS OF THE OT
- FOUNDATIONS OF THE NT
- THE BIBLE IN A YEAR FOR WOMEN
- 3 FIND ONE WORD, PHRASE OR VERSE TO Meditate ON EACH TIME YOU READ

WITHOUT MEDITATION BIBLE READING WILL NOT LIKELY CHANGE US

3. Studying GOD'S WORD

JERRY BRIDGES "READING GIVES US BREADTH, BUT STUDY GIVES US DEPTH."

EZRA 7:10 FOR EZRA HAD SET HIS HEART TO STUDY THE LAW OF THE LORD, AND TO DO IT AND TO TEACH HIS STATUTES AND RULES IN ISRAEL

SEQUENCE IN THIS VERSE:

1. EZRA SET HIS heart
2. TO Study THE LAW OF THE LORD
3. TO DO IT
4. AND TO Teach TO ISRAEL

ACTS 17:11-12 NOW THESE JEWS WERE MORE NOBLE THAN THOSE IN THESSALONICA; THEY RECEIVED THE WORD WITH ALL EAGERNESS, EXAMINING THE SCRIPTURES DAILY TO SEE IF THESE THINGS WERE SO. MANY OF THEM THEREFORE BELIEVED, WITH NOT A FEW GREEK WOMEN OF HIGH STANDING AS WELL AS MEN.

2 TIM. 4:13 WHEN YOU COME, BRING THE CLOAK THAT I LEFT WITH CARPUS AT TROAS, ALSO THE BOOKS, AND ABOVE ALL THE PARCHMENTS. - Copies of God's word

WHY DON'T WE DO THIS? - Because it's work - Requires discipline

JOHN 17:17 SANCTIFY THEM IN TRUTH; YOUR WORD IS TRUTH.

PHILLIPIANS 3:13 FORGETTING WHAT LIES BEHIND AND STRAINING FORWARD TO WHAT LIES AHEAD

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU CAN DO TO IMPROVE YOUR INTAKE OF THE WORD OF GOD?

Be faithful