
Prayer: The Importance of His Word

2 Timothy 3:16-17

“What's the Answer?”

Bill was a busy man! And he made sure that everyone knew it. He was a husband, a father, a deacon of the church, a board member of several non-profit organizations and a member of various clubs in town. And if that weren't enough, Bill was also part of the executive team of a large publicly-owned company.

Like everyone, he was a man with bills to pay, schedules to keep, people to see and places to go. He would say that he was trying to make his faith relevant to the marketplace. But, he had the sneaking suspicion that he was missing something. He didn't seem to know what it was. Bill was restlessly looking for something more than the routine things of life.

Lately he was in conflict with his family, and even his relatives. So, he tried to solve problems with logical solutions—his way. It never occurred to him that he had a resource to draw from which would help him find solutions to the everyday problems which plagued him. But then, as involved as Bill was in activities of the church, he never spent any time reading the Bible.

Reflection

When we spend time reading the Word of God, we find out who we really are in light of who God is. We discover how Jesus responded to human situations, and we are exhorted to make godly choices.

Do you “make time” for the Word?

What can you gain from the Holy Spirit's interpretation of the Word?

Have you neglected to turn to the Bible as a resource for everyday life problems?

Accountability and Application

The Bible is the perfect Book! It was written over a period of 1500 years by many different authors, in three different languages. Starting with Moses, a former Egyptian prince, we see that the inspiration of God touched a wide variety of authors. Not only were there prophets, priests and kings, but there were many common men like Peter, a fisherman and follower of Christ. The story starts in the Middle East and progresses throughout North Africa and Europe as disciples, soldiers, slaves and traders spread the news of Christ to any and all who would listen.

Among the major themes of the Bible is included who God is, what he expects of his creation, and how he, himself, is willing to help us attain it. It is too marvelous a Book to be ignored. And yet, we're just too busy.

Prayer: Lord, please forgive me for ignoring your Word. Give me a desire to learn from it and to turn to it constantly as a resource for life. Help me to listen to your Holy Spirit as I struggle to apply what you say to me about my daily life.

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¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.