

EQUIP MEN (2)

Q: What do you think he means by each of them?

Q: Which of his suggestions do you find most challenging?

Putting together a plan:

Q: When is the best time for you to read the Bible?

Q: Where is the best place for you to read the Bible?

Q: What Bible book will you start reading? What plan for reading the Bible will you follow?

Q: What preparations will you need to make before you begin to read the Bible?

Prayers for reading the Bible

From Desiring God Ministries:

“Give me a deeper desire to read Your Word. Increase my skill to understand Your Word. Show me more of Your glory in Your Word.”

“Incline my heart to your testimonies since my heart is inclined to lots of things other than the Bible. Open my eyes to see wonders in your word since my heart is often dull and blind to the wonders of your word. Unite my heart to fear your name since my heart is often divided and distracted in many directions. Satisfy me with your steadfast love since my heart is tempted to be satisfied in other things.”

Application: **Start reading the Bible.**

Introduction

Godly men aim to glorify God

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God?” (1 Corinthians 10:31)

We learn how to do this from THE godly man

“The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back.” (Isaiah 50:4-5)

“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.” (Psalm 1:1-2)

“Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” (Matthew 4:4)

Q: What does the prophet Isaiah tell us that Jesus did each day?

Q: What do we learn about Jesus’ attitude to God’s Word?

Q: What does Jesus liken God’s Word to? What point is He making?

Godly men read the Bible

George Müller:

“The first great and primary business to which I ought to attend every day is to have my soul happy in the Lord.”

Thomas Watson:

“Melancthon when he was young, he always carried the Bible with him and read it greedily.”

Q: Why is it beneficial to read the Bible?

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

A:

“The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.” (Psalm 19:7-9)

A:

“I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” (Psalm 119:11)

A:

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” (Psalm 119:105)

A:

“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:2)

A:

Q: What stops you from reading the Bible or makes reading the Bible a struggle?

Plan for reading the Bible

David Murray on how not to read the Bible:

What doesn’t work

- Inconsistent Bible Reading
- Emergency Bible Reading
- Mechanical Bible Reading
- Impossible Bible Reading
- Distracted Bible Reading

Q: What do you think he means by each of these?

Q: Which of these methods are a danger to you?

David Murray on how to read the Bible:

What does work

- Consistent Bible Reading
- Concentrated Bible Reading
- Consecutive Bible Reading
- Complete Bible Reading
- Communicate Bible Reading