

Why You Should Read the Bible

Psalm 19:7-14
December 14, 2008

God's Revelation in His Word

1. The nature of God's word

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- Perfect
- Sure
- Right
- Pure
- Clean
- Enduring
- True
- Righteous

God's Revelation in His Word

1. The nature of God's word
2. The effects of God's word

The Effects of God's Word

- Restoring the soul
- Making wise the simple
- Rejoicing the heart
- Enlightening the eyes

Our Response to God's Word

1. Attitude: Value God's word

The Value of God's Word

- More precious than gold
- Sweeter than honey
- Valuable for guidance
- The key to receiving blessing

Our Response to God's Word

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2. Applying the Word

Applying the Word

Prayer for . . .

- Forgiveness for sins
- Protection from willful sin
- Words and thoughts pleasing to God

Our Response to God's Word

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2. Applying the Word
3. Reading the Bible

Bible Reading in 2009

- Read the entire Bible through **together** in 2009
- Read a portion of OT and NT each day
- Sharing about what we read each week in fellowship, small groups, blogs
- A CFC Bible Blog where we can comment on each week's reading
- Bible reading charts available on 12/28 (at CFC and on line)

More Reasons for Reading the Bible

- It is uniquely inspired by God! (2 Tim. 3:16)
- It is eternal (Isa. 40:8)
- It is alive and powerful (Heb. 4:12)
- It shows us how to be Jesus' disciples (Jn. 8:31)
- It trains us to be righteous (2 Tim. 3:16)
- It equips us to serve God (2 Tim. 3:17)

More Reasons for Reading the Bible

- It nourishes our souls (Deut. 8:3; Mat. 4:4)
- It makes us wise (2 Tim. 3:15; Ps. 119:98-99)
- It guards us against sin (Ps. 119:9-11)
- It is our weapon in spiritual warfare (Eph. 6:17)
- It provide direction in life (Ps. 119:105)

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