

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of March 16, 2025

"Follow Me"

FISHERS OF MEN

SundayRead Matthew 4:12-20

"And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."
When Jesus told these fishermen He would make them fishers of men, He was speaking about winning souls. God had built the nation of Israel, the nation of the Jewish people into which the Son of God would be born. Before Jesus would be the eternal King, however, He had to be the Savior of the world, the Lamb of God. After having paid the penalty for sin, he conquered death with His glorious resurrection to provide the gift of eternal life to all who would accept Him as Savior. He would now have His people share that truth to build the Church of Jews and Gentiles alike. He referred to building the Church as "catching men" by sharing the Gospel! All humans are born sinners and face an eternity in the hell prepared for the devil, what Jesus called lost in darkness. By receiving Christ as Savior, an individual gets on the road that leads to heaven. Sharing the good news of the gospel with lost sinners is "catching men."

SAVIOR AND LORD

MondayRead II Peter 3:16-18

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever." When a person receives Jesus as personal Savior, he or she becomes a child in God's eternal family. Then the question is whether the individual will make Jesus the Lord of their lives and become a faithful servant. To be a faithful servant, the believer must grow in grace and knowledge of the things of God. That means the believer must become a student of God's Word, the Bible. Bible reading and prayer become essential in the daily life of the believer. By daily reading and meditating on the truth of God's Word, the true Christian can better serve the Lord!

COMMITMENT

TuesdayRead Romans 12:1-2

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

It is only reasonable that a Christian would want to make the commitment to be God's faithful servant! After all, by receiving Jesus as Savior to become part of God's family, they have a place reserved in heaven. Serving God ought to be the Christian's highest priority. Living a life to honor God and to share His truth should then be our greatest ambition. Making that commitment to reach others with God's truth should be a daily goal! Presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice to God should be a daily

function every morning of our lives. By reading a portion of Scripture each morning, we are given instructions on living for God's glory. There is no better way to start a day! And God loves that communication with those in His family.

PARTS OF THE BODY

WednesdayRead I Corinthians 12:12-14

" For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ." The Bible makes reference to believers as a body of believers. We can better understand the functioning of the church because each of us is a body with many working parts, all of which are vital for good health. Some parts of the body are very visible, while others function without being seen. It could be said that the inner parts of the body, although unseen to the public, may be more important than those that are visible. So it is with the church. Some people are very important as they do what they do in the church, and are obviously very important. There are many others who are not publicly visible, but extremely vital for the church to be in good health. All must work together!

HEAD OF THE CHURCH

Thursday Read Ephesians 5:22-27

" For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body." The head is very important to the body! Without the head, the body is dead! The head of the church is the Lord Jesus! The whole body works because it is attached to the head. The actions of the human body are generated by the brain, which is in the head. The workings of the church are determined by staying connected to our Lord. Jesus is the Head of the church. Humanly speaking, the elders, deacons and pastors are the head in an organizational sense, but they are effective only if they stay connected and are controlled by the Holy Spirit.

WORKING TOGETHER

FridayRead I Corinthians 3:6:12

"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." The important thing for a local church to be effective is for all the members of the body to work together, unity is a must! To work together in unity, communication is a must. To be good listeners so we know what others are thinking, it is especially important to listen to God. That means reading His Word the Bible and engaging with Him in prayer. A key in working together is unity under the guidance of the Holy Spirit in prayer. God made this promise in Jeremiah 33:3: *"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."*

Prayer and gathering together for worship are vital. Post meeting times of fellowship enhance the possibility of getting to know each other better!

JOY IN HEAVEN

Saturday Read Luke 15:7-10

"Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." The key in building the church is winning souls as mentioned in Proverbs 11:30: *"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."* To do that: the believer must understand the importance of the work of the Holy Spirit as we are told in I Corinthians 3:9: *"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."* We plant seeds of Scripture into the minds of believers and water them. The Holy Spirit convinces the unbelievers to make the decision.