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Read every word that proceeds out of the mouth of god. We really “outa wanta” do our homework!!



The start of the school season reminded me of doing homework in school. I guess I was a little blessed because I could catch on quickly most of the time. But sometimes I needed that extra catching up time.

Well it reminds me of my readings of the word for the last 40+ years. My memory is not quite what it used to be, but I have had an intent to read every word in the bible. Yes, even all the begats and other details that may seem to be insignificant, but I determined to read every word.

I have done so to my knowledge more than once. I have also read many of the books several times more. My intent is to have in my mind somewhere everything that is recorded in the bible. All of it is recorded somewhere in my mind but sometimes I don't know the location, but God does.

The Holy spirit gives me the word, but I don't always know the location of the scripture. I do have a good concordance that helps me find the location. On more than one occasion the Holy Spirit has brought to remembrance what I needed to know at the time I needed it. It is written somewhere that He would give us what we need to say when we need it.

Well I got to thinking that if we go to church once a week and Pastor Julie presents an excellent sermon and maybe we are paying attention (and we are there) and the sermon is about 20 minutes of teaching. If you are a logical person you will think about how many minutes of the week we receive the word. Doing the math, I calculate that there are 10080 minutes in a week. That equals only less than .2% of our week, therefore we have heard the word less than .2 % of the time. It seems quite evident to an old Alabamian's logical mind that we must supplement this time with our own reading and study if we hope to understand all the word of God. He has said that in His word is life. We need to stand on this rock because there is a lot of sinking sand in today's world.

I strongly recommend that we have a bible reading strategy. I don't know what yours is but for me I have decided that the first time in the morning is best. I have my coffee cup beside me and I read for about an hour either the bible and/or another Christian book and end with my prayer time. I know that right now I am retired and have some freedom with my time. That is my schedule, but you must look at your schedule and decide for your self what works for you. You need to decide if understanding the word is worth the effort. As for me I have decided that it is top priority because He is my strength, my savior, my helper and friend and I want to know what He has said –**Pretty big deal for me!**

The other time on the schedule are those TV hours. I for one am seeing very little on TV to watch. I struggle to find anything that is uplifting and not vulgar. Those sitcoms are not what they used to be. Could be you switch it off and read. That is when I get these letters written sometimes. The main thing is that if we want to be close to God we must read his word and pray. He has said "Seek and you will find". That is where I get my strength.

I am seeking, and I love what I am finding.



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