

Welcome & Intro :: MUST READ: How to make the most out of SermonIndex (SI)**MUST READ: How to make the most out of SermonIndex (SI) - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2007/1/8 14:13**

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Re: How to make the most out of SermonIndex (SI), on: 2007/1/8 14:58

Thank you, brother Greg and brother Josiah! Such valuable information, especially for newcomers to SI. I have been around for a while, and have gleaned a lot from personal experience, but these here are some nuggets, and I wish somebody had told me--or I had asked earlier--for direction.

I think the most encouraging thing, though, is that our Lord answers our prayers, and--in line with #2--if we are sensitive and obedient to the leadings of the Holy Spirit, God will lead us to what we need to find at the perfect time. One thing I've learned is that if I choose to trust myself, and be content to lean on my own understanding instead of prayerfully trusting in the Lord, I could easily get hurt, deceived, or overwhelmed. This goes for all articles, sermons, forums.

May God guide us all into all truth,
Slavyan

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2007/1/8 16:05

Wow! that's powerful! Now if I can myself get all this in my thick head I will be doing much better in life in my spiritual walk, well I am still work in progress thank God he will not give up on us even if we give up on him he will still be closer than a Brother.

Re: How to make the most out of SermonIndex (SI) - posted by Tears_of_joy, on: 2007/3/7 17:33

I would like to add here some words by brother Greg that should be well considered!

Quote:

-----I think the admonition needs to be given out to everyone in love:
"Slow to TYPE and be quick to READ."

Quote:

-----"If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless." -James 1:26

tight rein - (gr. chalinagogeō - to lead by a bridle, to guide. hold in check, restrain). How many times during our posts do we think of "restraining" ourselves in everything we speak. **How mindful are we of controlling our mind and words.**

worthless - (gr. mataios - devoid of force, truth, success or result. vain, useless, to no purpose). **This scares me** very much that if we allow these forums to carry on like other forums on the internet they will become "worthless" and "vain" in its purpose and **there will be no "force" or impact they will**

I have on anyone's life. God forbid!

And we know how much this site and forum has been blessing to many! We should all guard that and let God to keep it so in His perfect order. I often marvel at brother's Greg openness to Holy Spirit about guiding this site.

Blessings to all.
Kire

Re: MUST READ: How to make the most out of SermonIndex (SI) - posted by GBantzJr, on: 2007/3/21 2:36

PRAISE GOD!!!!!! Hello everyone, my name is Greg Bantz Jr. I am a born again Christian with an intense desire to follow after the one who has called me. I live in Indiana and reside in Jay County. I attend a full gospel, holy spirit filled church called New Covenant Fellowship. I must admit that I am amazed at the unlimited well of resources I have come across in this website. Thank you to all of Gods faithful servants who have put your time and resources for the building of His Kingdom. I would publically like to thank my mentor, my friend, my Pastor Terry Bye for his passion for the Lord shall not go unnoticed!!! REVIVAL IS COMING CHURCH!!!! IT BEGINS WITHIN OURSELVES WITHIN THE TEMPLE IN WHICH HE DWELLS!!! I would like to take this time to pray for the Lords blessing upon all who believe. Dear father I come before your holy throne, admitting I am a sinner. Forgive me of all my sin this day. JESUS please come into my heart cleanse me, wash me, make me new. I believe that you are the way, the truth, the life, the ONLY WAY TO OUR FATHER!!!! Simplify my walk with you as I submit to your guidance by the Holy Spirit, for I am the one who makes it difficult, but you make it so easy!!!THANK YOU,THANK YOU,THANK YOU!!!! I pray this in your mighty name JESUS, Amen... over 2000 years ago, life seemed simpler than what i know;was we really moving slow, compared to this fast pace we now go? GOD BLESS,
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Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2007/11/16 10:39

this whole post by josiah777 is worthy of quotation, and worth to be read more than one time

Re: - posted by Giggles (), on: 2009/12/26 1:08

Great read. Worthy to be read by all members of SermonIndex.