

**General Topics :: Is this legalistic?****Is this legalistic? - posted by hachi, on: 2012/9/12 22:00**

To tell someone that they must read their Bible on a daily basis? If so, please explain why. If not, please also explain.

Re: Is this legalistic? - posted by dottiejean, on: 2012/9/12 22:39

Hi Hachi.....good question.

I suppose if a Ch'tn tells another Ch'tn they absolutely HAVE to do something to be a good Ch'tn, then it could be legalistic.

But the Lord wouldn't want someone reading the Bible everyday cuz they feel forced to do it.....He wants us to read cuz we're crazy about Him and can't wait to spend time with our BEST FRIEND and see what's next in His sweet Love Letter that He's written to us. Kinda like if your boyfriend/girlfriend or fiance or husband/wife was away for a long time and all you could get from them was letters or emails....wouldn't you be excited about checking your mailbox or Inbox quite regularly?

Another thought: How long would any of us be willing to go without food....1, 2, 3 or more meals or days 'til we're absolutely dragging on the floor?

If we need literal food quite regularly thru out the day in order to feel strong and full of energy....then it also seems true that we would want to snack/eat quite regularly at His table so that we have the strength to overcome our temptations and learn the things that are important for us to hide in our hearts and minds. One day His Love Letter to us may not be available cuz it is taken away by force.

Just some thoughts....dj

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2012/9/12 22:57

Hi,

Here are some thoughts from a booklet on GospelFellowships that I have helped put together:

Principle 30 - reading the entirety of scriptures

For some Christians in the world, having access to the full Scriptures¹⁷⁰ is not a present reality to them. Many simply have parts of the New Testament or literally scraps of paper with copied scripture verses on them. Yet for a select group in the body of Christ there is great abundant access to full Bibles in literally hundreds of translations¹⁷¹. Also with easy access to God's holy Word at all times, whether it is on digital device's or in audio or book form. But sadly, compared to the Christians in other persecuted countries we have the least desire and love to read the Scriptures. As blood bought followers of Jesus Christ our life is not our own¹⁷² and therefore we should have the desire to be in the Word of God daily. Even beyond that our appetite to eat the Scriptures should be of such that it takes precedent over anything else in our daily lives¹⁷³. One reason for the lack of intense Bible study is the fact that we really do not believe what is written in the book. If we truly believed the Scriptures and that the life to come matters much more than this life¹⁷⁴ then we would be more diligent to be steeped in what God desires of us now and for eternity.

Of all the ways to read the Bible one of the most beneficial can be an overview reading of the entire scriptures, verse by verse, chapter by chapter, and book by book¹⁷⁵. And beyond this even a chronological reading of the scriptures can be of great benefit to know exactly when events took place. It is our burden that if the body of Christ in many areas would commit¹⁷⁶ to being those who read the word of God constantly and consistently in context, this we believe would strengthen the body of Christ greatly. We must not be of those who take out a favorite few verses or even a few hundred verses, for the entirety of the Word of God is our standard and rule. We must not try to only delve into deep mysteries and secret things in the Word of God but rather read and believe simply¹⁷⁷ what is written and allow it to become real in our practical daily lives¹⁷⁸. We are listing the entire Bible chronologically here so that believers can commit to read daily a por

tion so that in 365 days, the entire Scriptures can be read in context and in its fulness. We believe this will dispel many doctrinal errors¹⁷⁹ that have been held by some and allow us all to be more versed in the holy Scriptures which are a light to our path¹⁸⁰ in this earthly pilgrimage¹⁸¹.

Principle 38 - A Love For God's Words

We take for granted the often dozen Bibles or more each Christian family owns in the America or other countries. We read Bible translations until we get bored with one and move onto another. We buy Bibles even for the style and look and other vain reasons. Yet the majority of our Bibles are not worn, marked, and memorized as the valuable possessions they actually are.

Bibles in the underground Church in China are scarce at times, and it is common that fellowships have handwritten copies of verses and epistles similar to the early Church days. The Chinese love their Bibles greatly and treat them as the most cherished item in the world that they own or have. Some of the current servant leaders in the Church would travel a day to just to be able to borrow and read a Bible and then travel back to their home. Most preaching especially in the earlier days of the movement was from memory, verses they memorized.

How much do we love God's word? Do you spend hours with your Bible reading over and over its truths? May God wake us from our spiritual slumber to see the true eternal value of the Word of God.

Principle 44 - Sharing Scripture With Each Other

This practice is necessary in the North Korean Church for there are not an abundance of Bibles. So each week members in the underground Church share scripture verses and lines of hymns written on pieces of paper. Most Christians in other countries can have up to 5-10 Bibles in their homes, in North Korea each believer, on average has 10 verses on a piece of toilet paper. These are passed around as precious items which build up and edify the body.

This is a Biblical practice where we are encouraged to speak to one another with psalms, hymns²²⁸ and to the practice of public reading of Scripture²²⁹. We can learn from this practice and actively share Scriptures more in our emails, letters, text messages and in person with each other. Such constant sharing of Scriptures with each other in the body of Christ builds us up in our most holy faith²³⁰.

Principle 46 - Memorization Of The Scriptures

In underground Churches the need to memorize Scripture is not an option but a necessity. When Bibles are scarce and imprisonment likely, the believer desires to prepare for such trials by storing up the word of God in their hearts. Also it becomes a great blessing to share Scriptures with others in everyday life without needing a physical Bible present. Such believers become "living bibles²³⁴" where the Word of God is always present.

We can learn much from this discipline. To study and memorize the word of God shows our true love for the Scriptures in which we have in abundance. Do we really desire to read the Word above eating, entertainment and the many other things that occupy our time? While we have freedoms may God instill in His Church a greater love and desire for the Word

from <http://www.gospelfellowships.net>

Re: Is this legalistic? - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/9/12 22:59

by hachi on 2012/9/12 16:00:57

To tell someone that they must read their Bible on a daily basis? If so, please explain why. If not, please also explain.

What are your thoughts on the matter :) Having thought about your question my best answer is there is a very big difference between "telling" and "encouraging"

God bless
mj

Re: Is this legalistic? - posted by twayneb (), on: 2012/9/13 8:08

Legalistic: You must read your Bible every day or God will not be pleased with you, love you, or answer your prayers. In order to have right relationship with God, you have to read so much a day.

Not Legalistic: If you expect to have the word have root in your heart and be able to stand in faith on the word of God you must read the Bible. If you desire to know God in a greater way, it is necessary that you study the Word of God.

The difference may sound a bit subtle. Legalism bases relationship and righteousness on man's own ability to keep laws, rules, or practices. Being born again and having right relationship (righteousness) in the sight of God has nothing to do with whether or not you read the Bible every day. But a believer needs to be in regular study of the Word of God. It is extremely important that we do this.

Re: - posted by vasilef (), on: 2012/9/13 8:45

if I am severe or strict with myself in reading the Bible, praying, ... - that's discipline
if I am severe or strict with somebody else in reading the Bible, praying, ... - that's legalism

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/9/13 9:20

by vasilef on 2012/9/13 2:45:27

if I am severe or strict with myself in reading the Bible, praying, ... - that's discipline
if I am severe or strict with somebody else in reading the Bible, praying, ... - that's legalism

Thought this was very well said and completely true.

God Bless
mj

Re: Is this legalistic? - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/9/13 9:37

QUOTE:

"Is this legalistic to tell someone that they must read their Bible on a daily basis? If so, please explain why. If not, please also explain"

Seems to be a better approach is to ask this person to consider WHY he/she does not want to study the WORD. This is the heart of the issue. You can read the Bible all you want and still be lost. Reading it will not save you.

There may be sin, rebellion or just plain laziness in the life of a person that interferes with the desire. Only the individual will know what is wrong.

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In my life there have been times when Bible reading was done as an act of drudgery: I believed I had to do it but did not feel like it. Solution? Talk to the LORD about it; tell Him you what you are thinking and feeling, tell him you know you should not feel this way but that you need help with this issue. Keep talking/praying until you sense your spirit being cleansed. You think God is not interested in it? Well, then you are in for a huge surprise!

Lack of desire is the issue, not the act of reading itself. It is like putting the cart before the horse: the horse pulls the cart - the cart does not pull the horse.

Make sense?

Re: Is this legalistic?, on: 2012/9/13 10:06

It is a good thing if you read your bible through from cover to cover for the first time. Along the way in reading it, you'll discover some things. You may stop and stay at one passage for a few days and then move on. If you haven't read the New Testament from cover to cover, I encourage you to do that first. It will give you a good foundation so that when you read the Old, you'll see the scriptures coming to life as you'll see Jesus in everything you read. You'll just love it.

Reading the bible daily is good if you desire to do so, but it's not a daily requirement. Some people read the bible once a week, others daily. Don't allow the bible to become a burden because someone is condemning your liberty for not doing what others appear they do.

One of the things that God has discouraged me from doing is getting into a legalistic routine. I've tried to get into a regular giving scheme and He just won't allow me the freedom to that. Spontaneous giving He allows, but when I try to get on so me regiment, I instantly get this brick wall. The same goes for daily bible reading. I tried to get into some sort of a bible reading program, or try to do it myself but I get this brick wall. When I read it from time to time as the desire comes upon me and not out necessity, the Lord reveals His word. When I don't read it the bible for a little bit, the Lord comes to me with a word, a passage and I am always taken aback because I hadn't put my quota in for bible reading in a bit. I've tried the daily prayer closet thing, it don't work for me. When I go about my day and walk and talk to the Lord, that seems to work. My prayer is caught up in my daily living.

The systems that I have tried to get myself under never work. I was only frustrating the grace of God.

When there is a prayer request on SI, sometimes I feel this overwhelming need to pray for the person or situation, other times, I have nothing to offer in prayer. Like today for example, I saw a prayer request on the board and I told the Lord that I had nothing but words to offer but no faith to push it forward and I had to leave it.

Re: , on: 2012/9/13 10:22

Quote:
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Depends on the horse! LOL

I had one stubborn horse that did things the way she wanted to do it, it was her way or you were stuck on the highway while she is running back to the barn. LOL

I never had her hooked to the cart, but if I did, knowing her, by some miraculous thing, the cart would be pulling her. LOL

Re: Is this legalistic? - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2012/9/13 10:26

Quote:
-----hachi
To tell someone that they must read their Bible on a daily basis? If so, please explain why. If not, please also explain.

My guess is the person that told you this, reads theirs everyday. See there is a thing with "most" "no all" Christians that you should do as they do, because it's not "fair" if you don't and they do, and many are very verbal about it, in a very indirect

ect way. I am lead by the spirit not man, and when you break the chains of man, and start letting the spirit lead you, is when you will really be able to enjoy the life Christ died to give you. Break the bondage of man, and start listening to Christ today, look at all the folks in the Bible, David, Paul, Daniel, Joseph, and Job, who did they listen to, man or God? I think Job could preach you a 1000 sermons, on why you don't want to be lead by man.

Re: - posted by lylewise, on: 2012/9/13 10:59

Those who run through a garden often miss what another experiences who happens upon a lonesome flower on barren land. As we read what Christ reveals of the Kingdom of God, how much like the Kingdom is that scrap of paper holding but a few precious verses. It would seem the smallest of seeds compared to the great volumes most of us have in our possession yet how great a tree is found that comes from such meager beginnings.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/9/13 11:13

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Hmmm....sounds like a horse that would have served humanity better by being made into dog food! lol

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2012/9/13 11:20

Saints,

I thought I would write personally that reading the Bible is important to knowing God intimately. He speaks to us in His word and you speak back to Him through prayer. John 17:3 says eternal life is in "knowing" God.

May we read the word of God to communion with the Lord not to just learn more facts about Him. This message by Jim Cymbala speaks powerfully to this truth:

I Am A Branch by Jim Cymbala

<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid=24014&commentView=itemComments>

Re: , on: 2012/9/13 12:42

What about those ancient men that didn't have a bible?

They were the real McCoy that became the actual bible that we read today.

Enoch never had a bible, yet he was a righteous man, walked with God and God was so pleased with him that he was translated to heaven and didn't see death.

Abraham didn't have a bible to read. Yet, he was called the "Friend of God".

Moses wrote the first five books, what he heard was an oral history. Here he was with the limitation compared to what we have today and God caused the sea to roll back through this man, caused a river to spring forth from a rock through him, staid the hand of God, and much much more and he didn't have a bible, all he had was what was told to him.

We need to read the bible whenever possible, not to learn, but to read it. It's the Spirit of God that causes us to understand what we are reading. Without this understanding from the Teacher, it would be fruitless reading, because the act of reading the bible requires one ingredient, Faith. We read it because we are seeking something. We are seeking to know Him more and that requires faith and he that comes to God must exhibit this faith, without it it's impossible to please Him.

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This is what pleased God from all those men back in the day and the requirement is still required. God doesn't want our performance, He wants us to take the faith that He has given us and to show it toward Him.

Abraham was righteous because He exhibited faith toward God and not toward himself or anyone else. He called unto God!

THAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE WHOLE WORD OF GOD. It's to get you and I to call upon God for our help and not the arm of flesh.

When we read from all the bible, it shows us one thing, calling upon God caused God to act on their behalf. It's not enough to learn it once, we need to continue doing it lest we forget, because WE WILL FORGET. It's human nature to forget.

I am using bold language basically for myself, I need to hear that too.

God bless.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2012/9/13 13:27

Quote:

-----Approved
What about those ancient men that didn't have a bible?

Whoa! that's out of the box thinking. :)

Re: , on: 2012/9/13 14:03

It is not legalistic to tell someone they must read their Bible daily. It is necessary. I say again. It is necessary for our spiritual survival. When Keith Daniel was converted. The man who led him to Christ told this brother that it was necessary he stay in the Bible. Keith was encouraged read 15 minutes in the New Testament in the morning. 15 minutes in the Old Testament in the evening. In doing so he would have gone through the Bible in a year. The more time you spend reading the word. The more you will know it. And it will change your life. Certainly Keith Daniels is living proof changed by the word.

It has been my observation that the saint God uses is one who spends extended time in the word. Keith Daniels, Art Katz, Denny Kenniston, Charles Spurgeon, George Mueller, Whitfield, the Wesleys, Edwards. These and others God has used have been men who knew the word.

Hopefully the desire of every saint is to be used effectively for Christ. To do so one needs to be in the word. God grant that we would be as Spurgeon and Bunyon. That we would be Biblene.

Bearmaster.

Re: - posted by hachi, on: 2012/9/13 23:24

Thanks to everyone for their responses. Sorry it has taken me a bit to respond back due to a hectic week. I ask because it was in a book I read. The author felt it was legalistic to tell someone they should be in the Word daily. I suppose it has to do with the way you word something when you say MUST or SHOULD, although I still feel inclined to believe that it wouldn't be out of line or legalistic to say a Christian must be in the Word daily, according to various Scriptures. In the Old Testament, the Israelites were told this

"You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.
(Deu 11:18-19 ESV)

So why would we ever think that it would be legalistic to tell someone to read their Bible daily when God told them to be reminded of His Words not daily, not twice a day, but rather all day. It seems to me that God is trying to get the point across that we should be absorbed in His Word that it is something that becomes a part of our lives. We are to read the Bible as Christians, and I know that I can get lazy and choose not to read because I don't want to. But we're supposed to read when we don't want to; otherwise Satan can get a hold of us and turn that into another day which turns into another week and can even turn into a month and so on. Just my thoughts on this. I for one feel it is important to be in the Word on a daily basis based upon Scriptures such as the above.

Re: Hachi, on: 2012/9/14 8:01

Good post and thread, my brother. Indeed if the Old Covenant saints were commanded and exhorted to be in the word. How much more should we be even in the New Covenant. And because of the urgency of the hour we need to be saturating our minds and hearts with the truth of Jesus.

Bearmaster.

Re: , on: 2012/9/14 8:56

Quote:

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That is not the argument.

There is nothing legalistic about urging anyone to read their bible, that's not it at all. It's saying things like, "If you don't read your bible daily, your going to hell". Or if "If you don't read your bible daily, you won't get close to God".

I know people that read their bible daily and they were no closer to God than the drunk down the street. When I look at these people I wonder why they do not have the mercy and faith along with their judgmental spirit. Why? Because as much as they read their bible daily, to them it's something that they think they "have" to do to please God. And this is where people have gotten into trouble. And it's here that bible reading has become legalistic.

Faith comes by HEARING and HEARING by the word of God. It doesn't say, faith cometh by READING and READING by the word of God.

The use of the word WORD here does not mean what is printed on ink and paper, it's the Logo's speaking to the heart of man which ignites faith. Some people hear an actual voice, while most hear it in their spirit.

The word "Hearing" means to pay heed and obey to what your hearing.

If someone is listening to a sermon but they do not pay heed to it they did not hear it. They were deaf during the whole message.

If a marriage counsellor is telling the husband to humble himself, but then he refuses, it's as if he never heard the advice. If he changes his mind and does it, he has finally heard it and obeyed. Romans 10:8 The Logo's is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the Logo's of faith, which we preach;

This is what it means when Jesus said of the Pharisees when they would shut their eyes and close their ears. They heard the voice of Jesus speaking but they would not allow it to sink down into their ears so the Logo's could change their heart and save them.

Reading the bible for the sake of duty will only frustrate the believer. Reading the bible with a desire to know God and a desire to love Him and walk with Him through obedience, now that is a true worshipper. John 4:23

Proverbs 18:1 Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddled with all wisdom.

When I was 15 years old, I found a bible that was stuffed in some boxes in a closet as I was snooping around and thought I'd read it. It looked interesting and being brought up in the Church for some time and baptized in a local Pentecostal church I felt it was time to know the person that I had no clue was. There was a desire to read this bible, I had no idea where it came from, but it was there. So I started to read it and I will say this that I am not a book reader. I do not pick up a

book and read it from cover to cover unless it's something quite remarkable. I get bored easily especially if there are no pictures in the book. But surprisingly, this New Testament seems to come alive to me, and I couldn't put it down. I went through it and wept and as soon as I finished Revelation, I started back with Matthew and read it again. I was mesmerized by the content and I knew that I had fallen head over heels with Jesus Christ.

After that I was reading the bible periodically until the Lord showed me that I should read the KJV. I picked up this bible one day and started reading the Old Testament and I felt this overwhelming authority from it and I knew that God was telling me that I should use this from now on. To this day I cannot read the elementary (goodnews) bible again.

The desire to read the Old Testament increased and then finally it waned to periodical reading, "Here a little, there a little". I have come to learn in my walk with God that to whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more, Luke 12:48

This is why I personally do not read the bible often because I do not want to know more than I already know now. I can barely make do with what has been given to me already, more will only make things worse. I find the "here a little, there a little" precept to be much more beneficial than to have all knowledge and have no charity to carry out the work.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/9/14 9:09

I suppose it has to do with the way you word something when you say MUST or SHOULD, although I still feel inclined to believe that it wouldn't be out of line or legalistic to say a Christian must be in the Word daily, according to various Scriptures.

I think it does have everything to do with the way a person is shared with. I find when I am sharing with another they respond so much more than if I attempt to "commend" them to do something. I think it a good reminder to encourage and share that the LORD wants to have fellowship with us, wants to know us and spending time in the BIBLE allows us one means of getting to know HIM.

I think the trouble comes in when people with good intentions try to do the work of the Holy Spirit and begin "commending" people and telling them that they "must" read the BIBLE every day. I shared with my son not long ago about spending time with JESUS and getting to know HIM. I shared with my son that one way he could do that is by reading his BIBLE. I did not make it a law that he must read everyday but I explained how JESUS loved him and wanted to know my son better and wanted my son to know HIM better too. I shared with him that in order to know someone we spend time with them. Instead of making it a law that must be followed I encouraged him to pray and seek GOD and what HIS heart on the matter was. After a few days my son came to me and said he felt convicted by the Holy Spirit that he had been lazy in his relationship with JESUS and that he would appreciate it if I would remind him to set aside some time to be in his word. I did remind him for a couple of days but did not make it an issue. After a few days I stopped reminding him, but he kept on listening to his audio BIBLE everyday anyway. The LORD had shown my son the benefit of being in the WORD and also gave him the desire to be so.

So I do think the way we share with one another can make all the difference.

God Bless
mj

Re: , on: 2012/9/14 9:27

Quote:

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Indeed not! (agreed) When the Love of God is present in saying it and your saying it because you love the person, it will be well received. But if it's spoken from a Pharisee or spoken from a person that is condemning you for not reading that bible, through an ungodly fear they will read the bible but feeling condemned at every whipstitch wondering if they have covered every iota of that command and not angering God.

The love route is so much better.

"Son, I encourage you to read your bible. You don't have to if you don't want to, but it's my desire that you do because I love you and want the very best for you to have a successful life with God your Father. So that when you get out on your own and if you ever get into trouble, that you will know how to call upon the name of the Lord for help. This is your decision and I leave it up to you to do."

I am encouraging him to read his bible, offering admonition as to why, but at the same time I am not condemning him, leaving the decision up to himself to decide.

When things like this have been presented to me in this manner, I have always chosen to heed. Love is irresistible.

Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2012/9/14 11:01

I think if your going to tell someone to read their Bible everyday maybe it should go something like this. Mr. Bill someone told me I need to read my Bible everyday, well Bob, I am not going to argue that point, but reading the word of God "wherever it's written" is fruitful and John 4:24 says God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. This scripture does not say everyday, but it does say those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth, truth of course being the word of God. Well Mr. Bill, thank you so much for putting this in layman's terms for me, so as long as I am reading word of God "wherever it might be written" whenever I can, it seems like this fits what God said in this scripture. Yes Bob! you are correct! and Bob, please remember, "some" Christians will put you under condemnation when you don't do as they do, so please tattoo this scripture in your mind. Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Have a wonderful day Bob.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/9/14 11:03

Approved wrote:

"This is why I personally do not read the bible often because I do not want to know more than I already know now. I can barely make do with what has been given to me already, more will only make things worse. I find the "here a little, there a little" precept to be much more beneficial than to have all knowledge and have no charity to carry out the work."

I find this concept troubling. Really troubling.

Paul tells Timothy to study the WORD. David says 'thy word have I had in my heart..'

A body can get along quite well for a while without serious study in the WORD but gradually you will find yourself in serious trouble because of it. Then how do you deal with it? Justify sin? Many do. Or, do you recognize your sin and come back in sorrow and repentance to the LORD?

I do not see the method in which one studies as being the issue. It is that of being in the WORD allowing it to teach me, guide me.

I have been taught the WORD as far back as I can remember; attended a parochial school where Bible was taught, seriously. Attended VBS, Bible School...heard many sermons and would you know I still find the WORD intellectually stimulating that fills my spirit with awe and praise to our wonderful Creator and Savior.

God's WORD is not to be taken lightly. It is a rich trove of how God dealt with man in the past and his will for us now and the future. We do well to take heed.

Re: , on: 2012/9/14 13:25

Saints we are in an hour of urgency. We believe persrcution will soon come upon the church in America. The persecute d cry for the Bible or a New Testament inrestricted nations. They are willing to risk their lives to own a copy of the scriptures. And we are wondering if it is legalistic to tell someone to read their Bible

Folks let's get real. The devil would like us to stay out of the word. And for every reason God would give us to be in the Bible. The devil will use our flesh to give us reasons to stay out of the Bible. The legalistic excuse being the one to reall y appeal to our fleshly ature.

Ok. So you may blow me off. But go to the SI archives. Forum I ask you. Will you blow off Keith Daniels, Art Katz, Denny Kenniston, etc. Men and women that God has used mightily have been people of the book. That goes for Bunyon and Spurgeon in times past.

We need to stop lookng for excuses to justify our laziness for not being in the word. And look for any and every excuse t o be in the word. For when the Bible is taken out of our hand. Only what is stored in our heart will remain.

Bearmaster.

Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2012/9/14 13:40

by bearmaster on 2012/9/14 7:25:15

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We need to stop lookng for excuses to justify our laziness for not being in the word. And look for any and every excuse t o be in the word. For when the Bible is taken out of our hand. Only what is stored in our heart will remain.

Bearmaster.

Greetings bear

I don't think anyone was trying to blow you off. I am sorry you feel that way. I think some were just responding to the question asked as they felt led. I don't think it is legalistic to share with someone about being in the BIBLE and using it as a means to know JESUS but I do think how one shares with another can make a huge difference don't you think so?

God bless
maryjane

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Re: by MaryJane on 2012/9/14 9:40:55 - posted by Wonderer, on: 2012/9/14 14:06

Well said. We do not HAVE to be in the word but we NEED to be in the word. That said, not everyone is geared or gifted to be a scholar. Many will read the scripture for comfort and guidance while others may have the Spirit inspired ability to glean beyond the printed page. It is a gift and it is why people like Tozer are so great; they have the gift and share it. It is Biblical.

Appreciate MaryJane's gentle spirit.