

Devotion to The Word

Acts 2:42

“Devoted themselves....”

- Devotion means we're all in, sold out, steadfast, single-minded and determined!
- Sustained commitment

Devoted to the Apostle's Teaching

- The apostles taught that Jesus was the long awaited Messiah. That through His death on the cross we have forgiveness of sins if we confess He is Lord.
- The apostles taught about the life, ministry and teachings of Jesus.

Self-Reflection

- What is my current devotion to the Word of God?

Similar questions to last week from Dr. Stephen Rummage:

- What would happen if I read God's Word more and did other things less?
- Is there any area of your life where you would be worse off if you read God's Word more and did other things less?

- Our spiritual health as believers in Jesus is tied to our devotion to the Apostle's teaching, it's tied to our devotion to the Word of God!
- We cannot be spiritually mature believers and neglect the word of God.

1. Devotion to The Word: Our Defense

- Your Bible is a sword! It's a living weapon!
- Hebrews 4:12: For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- Ephesians 6:17: take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God

Scriptures to Proclaim and Memorize:

- Ps. 139:13-14
- Romans 8:1; 38-39; 12:1-2
- Philippians 1:6; 2:12-13; 4:8-9; 12-13
- 2 Corinthians 5:10
- Deut. 31:8
- Joshua 1:8-9
- Isaiah 40:31; 41:10; 43:2
- Ephesians 3:20-21; 4:29

Pick one or two this week to memorize and use as a defense against the enemy/world!

2. Devotion to The Word: Our Foundation

Devotion to the Word is essential because it should be the foundation of who we are as Christians!

Matthew 7:24-27

24 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

“Shema” - To Hear

- “To hear” meant that you took actions based off of what you are intaking. You put it into practice when applicable and you obey what God says!
- It is hypocritical to call ourselves Christians and not do what Christ says!

- “If you love me, you will keep my commands.” (John 14:15)
- “The one who has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me.” (John 14:21)
- “The one who doesn’t love me will not keep my words.” (John 14:24)
- “If you keep my commands you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.” (John 15:10)
- “You are my friends if you do what I command you.” (John 15:14)

Are You Devoted to The Word?

- Do you read it and apply it?
- Do you read it and obey what it asks of you?
- Or do you read it and say “no, Lord”

Beth (Bet)

Beth means- house, place, family, life







“Oh Wow!”

