

Grownup Series

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The Bible!

Colossians 3:16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

Acts 2:42 ⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 17:11 Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

2 Uncomfortable observations

- 1. There are some who will not want you to read the Bible?**
- 2. There is a problem if you have zero interest in reading the Bible**

I. What happens if we do not read the Bible?

- A. We will never know Jesus intimately.**
If we are in a relationship with Jesus, let's hear from him!

John 5:39 "You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!"

Unveils the “real” Jesus

In order to find Jesus, every one of us needs direction. God gives it. The story of the wise men shows us how. The star sign was enough to lead the magi to Jerusalem. But it took Scripture to lead them to Jesus.

Max Lucado

“Bible reading is meant to deepen our personal relationship with Christ.” John Piper

B. We will never really be healthy spiritually

We never give birth to babies and then starve them!

I Peter 2:2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

If we don't have a consistent diet of the scriptures we are stunted.

C. We will make a lot more bad choices

The word is powerful reference point for making good choices

Psa 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.

We will be wiser

Psalm 119:24 Your laws please me;
they give me wise advice.

99 Yes, I have more insight than my teachers,
for I am always thinking of your laws.

We will make less mistakes

**Psalm 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.,**

**104 Your commandments give me understanding;
no wonder I hate every false way of life,**

**105 Your word is a lamp to guide my feet
and a light for my path.**

**130 The teaching of your word gives light,
so even the simple can understand.**

D. We will lose a lot of battles in our lives.

Every day is a battle

**Ephesians 5:17 “take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word
of God”**

Matthew 5

⁴ But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say,

⁷ Jesus responded, “The Scriptures also say,

**¹⁰ “Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures
say,**

**¹¹ Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of
Jesus.**

John Eldredge

***“Against the flesh, the traitor within, a warrior uses discipline.
We have a two-dimensional version of this now, which we call
a ‘quiet time.’ But most [people] have a hard time
sustaining any sort of devotional life because it has no
vital connection to recovering and protecting their strength; it
feels about as important as flossing.
“But if you saw your life as a great battle and you knew you
needed time with God for your very survival, you would do
it.”***

Close:

A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't.

Charles Spurgeon

