



Moving Forward #1

Time In God's Word

Believe it or not, God has given us an amazing collection of His thoughts and words to grow closer to Him. He used men to write these words down so that you and I can have them. Let's take a look at what the Bible has to say about His word and what to do with it.

2 Timothy 3:16 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness."

This verse tells us that every bit of scripture in the Bible comes directly from God Himself and there isn't any of it that doesn't have a purpose for our lives. God will speak to us through His word when we go looking and read with anticipation of gaining a better understanding of Him and His love and purpose for us.

Psalm 119:11

Your word have I hidden in my heart, so that I may not sin against You.

Learning scripture and memorizing as much as possible is something that will keep God's word in your mind. When things come up where you need guidance, they'll be there. Write down the scripture that you want to memorize and put it in front of you, a mirror, steering wheel etc... Read it silently and out loud as often as you can, until you can remember it without the note. Years from now those verses will come back to you when you need them most.

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Think of God's word (The Bible) as a light that will illuminate your path through everyday life. We live in a dark world and consider what it would take to walk around in the darkness without a light. This is how God's word should be used as we grow into men or women of God. As you read God will show you how the scriptures will help you in a dark world. The more you read the brighter it will become.

Psalm 119:9

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.

God has a plan and purpose for your life. He desires to see you grow into a strong man or woman of God. You can rest assured that satan does not want you to grow closer to God. He is going to put things in your path that he hopes will make you stumble into sin and get you discouraged and out of God's plan for you. By remaining in His word you will have the tools to help you resist satan and his attacks.



Lastly, set up a reading plan that will help keep you in His word. I might suggest taking the time to start with reading through Psalms and Proverbs each month. By reading one chapter of Proverbs and four chapters of Psalms you will get through both books in a month. Both of these books will direct you and each month you will see different things that you missed the month before. Expand out as God leads. Reading the through the book of John will be a good start and will help in understanding who Jesus is and what He did for us.

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