

The Abiding Word

Back To The Bible & Let The Bible Speak

July 9, 2020

Reflections No. 33

WHEN AT HOME

While we are in Lockdown and Isolated from being with other Christians there is one of many blessings we can turn to and be encouraged and learn more of God's Word from. That is the Bible and Great Bible Lessons found online. Below is a LINK to one of many resources I have used to enhance my Bible Study and focus more on God's Word rather than the distractions of life. Let me encourage you to go to this YouTube Channel and begin listening and study one of the many topics.



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCH7xt-U12cWCqYeB9597eQ/videos>

Back To The Bible & Let The Bible Speak

All Scripture is God-breathed
and is useful for teaching,
rebuking, correcting and training
in righteousness, so that the
man of God may be thoroughly
equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

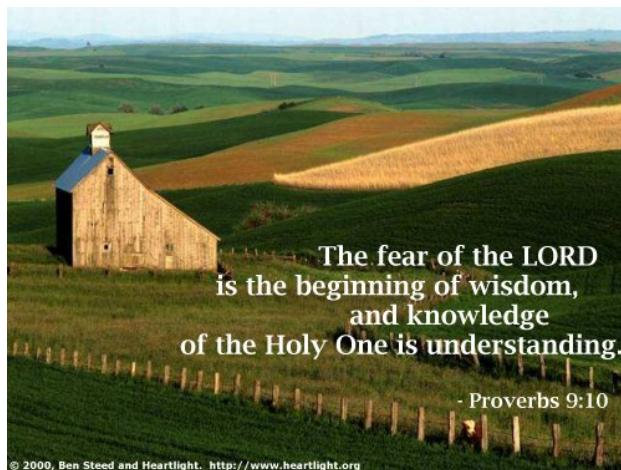
© 2002, Ben Steed. <http://www.heartlight.org>

PROVERB FOR THE DAY

One of the key methods I have learned over the years for dealing with the everyday challenges that living throws my way is to meditate on the Word of God each day as I walk with God.

I have found that reading the Proverb for the day in the morning and reflecting on that Proverb and seeing how I can put it to action in my life as I go through the day has become a great faith builder and strength when trials and conflicts come my way.

Each day has its own Proverb and in one month I have applied all 31 Proverbs ready to do it again the next month. It really works, try it.



© 2000, Ben Steed and Heartlight. <http://www.heartlight.org>

ABOUT REFLECTIONS

This newsletter will be a weekly publication sent via email as a PDF file to friends and all who subscribe. Please share and send me your comments, questions, and topic requests to EEHealy@veren.com.

To Subscribe send email with **SUBSCRIBE** in subject.
To Unsubscribe send email with **UNSUBSCRIBE** in subject.

www.TheAbidingWord.com

FREE Online Bible Study Resources and eBook Study Guides.

Be Prepared!

Many years ago when I was a young lad I enjoyed a season in the Boy Scouts when the boys were boys and tried to be men in our own eyes. Later in life I became a Scoutmaster in that same troop and enjoyed watching my own son grow and explore the adventure.

The MOTTO of scouting is “Be Prepared”. As a young fellow I had a few tasks to do and show that I was prepared and ready to become a First Class Scout. One event was a winter day hike where we needed to cook a hot meal over an open fire started in the woods. The day was a wet rainy/snowy day with that heavy wet snow. By the time we got to our site for the event some two miles back in the woods the snow was up to our knees. For a young lad that was deep wet snow. In reality maybe only six to nine inches.

Now the big question was how in the world was I going to build a cooking fire in those conditions when everything was wet to the core. Well I thought ahead knowing what the weather was like. The result of the test was that my fire was the only one going and I enjoyed a hot pork chop, baked potato, and creamed corn. When I had my task review with the scoutmaster I was asked how did I do that. My reply was, “I used newspaper” to start the fire. They said they thought a scout needed to do the task from things found in the woods. What made me think I could use newspapers? I said, “A scout must BE PREPARED and seeing what kind of day it was I concluded that I needed dry paper to get the fire going so I lined my old WWII Army Back Pack with newspapers.” They laughed and I became First Class Scout.

All through life we will come across trials and challenges. *Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. [James 1:2-4 NASB]* In the Old Testament Joseph even though he received bad treatment from his brothers had a dream in which God revealed the future events and Joseph was used by God to prepare for what was coming. See Genesis 41:25-57.

To Be Prepared Consider These Scriptures

We must prepare ourselves for our walk with God. *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth. [2 Timothy 2:15-16 NASB]*

But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, 4 treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; 5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; and avoid such men as these. [2 Timothy 3:1-6 NASB]

And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. 13 But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them; 15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths. 5 But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. [2 Timothy 3:12-4:6 NASB]

What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of Life — 2 and the life was manifested, and we have seen and bear witness and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us — 3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, that you also may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; 7 but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; 2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world. 3 And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; 5 but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: 6 the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard. 8 On the other hand, I am writing a new commandment to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. 9 The one who says he is in the light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now. 10 The one who loves his brother abides in the light and there is no cause for stumbling in him. 11 But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. 13 I am writing to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I am writing to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I have written to you, children, because you know the Father. 14 I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. 15 Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.

[1 John 1:1-2:17 NASB]

An Invitation!



*During The Pandemic Read and Study The Bible.
Visit www.TheAbidingWord.com
For Many Free Study Outlines and Notes*