

READ AND HEED!

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Sometimes we would do well to just read and heed what God's word is telling us. Today, I'm going to give you some selected passages from God's word. I'll let you ponder them and make proper application in your own life.

"Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God " {James 4:4}

"Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." {1 Timothy 4:12}

"And with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness." {2 Thessalonians 2: 10-12}

"For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God? Now if the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and sinner appear?" {1 Peter 4:17,18}

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up." {1 Corinthians 13:1-4}

"But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed." {Galatians 1:8,9}

"Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter." {1 Peter 4:16}

"Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him." {1 John 3:15}

"Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" {Hebrews 13:5,6}

“For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.” {2 Timothy 4:6-8}

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.” {Revelation 21:4}

Many Christians would do well to not just read their Bible but to seriously mediate and consider the thoughts being expressed. God does not just want Christians to know their Bible, read their Bible and memorize verses but to know how those truths must be applied in our lives. What do you think? Some very good advice, and some serious things to ponder for each of us.***