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Why read the Bible every day? God’s Word is spiritual manna

“Somebody ought to put the Bible in the right order,” I remember my father saying to me one day when I was just a teenager. When he died suddenly at far too young an age, I decided to try my hand at producing such a Bible. A chronological Bible. A readable Bible. A Bible divided into 365 daily readings.

So whenever I launch into writing a book, I break out a new copy of “The Daily Bible” and read it from cover to cover with the theme of my book in mind. Every verse having any bearing on my theme gets underlined. When all the pieces of the puzzle are finally on the table, I’m ready to draw my conclusions, formulate a text-prompted approach and get down to the actual writing. No matter how many times I have read through the Bible this way (it takes about a week), I never tire of reading the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation.

When my publisher asked me to write “The Daily Bible Devotional” as a companion volume, I had no idea what a blessing the year ahead would be: Slowing down to a crawl. Doing the daily readings so as to write something of encouragement or admonition bubbling up from each day’s text. Even then, there was a temptation to race ahead, exploring more than just one day’s reading at a time. (Readers tell me they struggle with the same temptation.)

But in today’s fast-paced world, faithfully reading the Bible day in and day out is a daunting challenge for many. The sheer discipline of daily reading seems as impossible to maintain as a New Year’s resolution for daily exercise. Rare are they who can keep their commitment to read even a chapter a day (and rarer still anyone capable of memorizing that chapter, as did C.S. Lewis).

So why read the Bible each and every day? **Think of it this way: Who among us would want to miss even a single day of eating? Yet God’s Word is our spiritual manna sent down from heaven.** And who would dare go a day without a bath or shower? Yet it’s the Word (both written and incarnate) that cleanses the dross of our evil hearts. Have you looked at yourself in the mirror at least once today? Why should we not take daily inventory of our souls as well as our bodies?

**Daily Scripture reading nourishes, purifies and keeps us honest.** Another good reason to open the Book at some point during each new day is an interesting twist on the rule of Bible study that rightly insists on “context, context, context.” No matter what kind of day you are having, the Bible addresses the larger context of your life.

Are things not going quite as you had planned? In the larger frame of things eternal (as almost any daily reading will remind us), the big picture is going precisely as God has planned.

Are you happy as a clam even though you’ve turned your back on God or simply ignored him? As almost any passage will confirm, there is no true happiness when God is left out of the equation. In order to maintain balance in our lives from one day to the next, we need continual reminders of context, context, context.

**Finally, there is the spiritual application of the old saying, “Absence makes the heart grow fonder,” which some wag cleverly changed to, “Absence makes the heart go wander!”**

**Invariably, prolonged absence from the Word results in a heart that wanders.** Let enough days go by without personally staying in touch with God’s divine revelation (not just “going to church”) and soon we’ll be strangers in a foreign land. Alone. Confused. Lost.

Yes, of course, it’s possible for us to miss a day’s reading here and there and still remain true to what we believe. (Indeed, there was a time when faithful believers didn’t have the opportunity to read even a single word from Holy Writ.) But what a colossal waste of God’s love, encouragement, warning and wisdom!

Might this be a good day to get ourselves back into the Word? And tomorrow? And the day after?

adapted from an article by F. LaGard Smith, *christianchronicle.org*

We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
To give glory to God  
To be unified in reaching others



## Welcome to the Palm Springs Church of Christ

With sincerity we welcome each of you!  
Your presence is a blessing to us. Come, let us  
reverently worship the Lord our God.

*“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of  
prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and al-  
ways keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. (Ephesians  
6:18)”*

### Pray for our Church family:

Please continue to pray for the improved health of: Mae  
Britton, Kerry Britton, Lynette Brink, Sue Collins, Wanda  
Goodenough, Byron Isaac, Brenda Jones, John Leonard,  
Roy McDonald, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, and Francis  
Pati.

### Pray for family & friends:

Please keep Tammy D’Arcy in your prayers as she is un-  
dergoing treatment for breast cancer. Pray for: The Wes-  
tom family as they mourn the loss of Donn Westom who  
recently passed away, Marjorie Counts who is in hospice  
care and Dustin Parker’s dad, Mike who continues to re-  
cover from a stroke. Pray for the improved health of: Mary  
Fields, Keith & Lisa Britton, Kathy’s husband Kevin, Derek  
Fields, Dail’s friends Marie C. and Teddy K.

**First responders:** Please keep those who are serving  
their communities in your prayers: Alisha K. (EMT); Jo-  
anna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody  
Huggins and Jory Huggins (Patrol Officers); Dr. Janice  
Massey of N.C.

### Military:

Jeff Mercer’s son-in-law Brandon Deusenberry, Glenn  
Fields, and Kathy’s family T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

### Prayer Warriors Corner

Father, perhaps we shouldn’t need reassurance  
of Your love and presence, but, often we do. Please keep  
us going and growing in spite of all that goes on around  
us. Thank you, through Jesus. Amen.

Power For Today: Bruce M. Henderson; 4/30/2022  
Read: Matthew 3:13-17

### News:

**Potluck news:** Our next potluck will be on April 7 follow-  
ing worship service. Each individual household, please  
bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert.

**Please continue to keep Solomon,** the father of Amy  
Miller, in your prayers, as he recently had a stroke and is  
in rehab.

**The Community Food Bank:** Peanut Butter and Ramen  
packs are where the greatest need is at this time. Other  
non-perishable items are: soups, canned vegetables,  
canned beans, 1 lb. packs of rice or beans, canned toma-  
toes, canned pasta sauce and quart size storage bags.  
Thank you for your continued support, your donation is  
greatly appreciated.

**In Search of the Lord’s Way:** Watch excellent Bible-based  
messages every Sunday, 7:30 a.m., on KCWQ, VHF channel 2  
or UHF channel 26. Also Available ANY TIME online with You  
Tube. Just enter: SearchTVMinistry and pick a sermon.  
<https://youtu.be/FxMzZ6ZKMdQ>

### Scripture reading: Exodus 16:11-16

The Lord said to Moses, “I have heard the grumbling  
of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will have  
meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread.  
Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.’” That  
evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the  
morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.  
When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the  
ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israel-  
ites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For  
they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is  
the bread the Lord has given you to eat. This is what  
the Lord has commanded: ‘Each one is to gather as  
much as he needs. Take an omer for each person you  
have in your tent.’”

### Sermon title:

***“The Lord Still Provides”***



### Birthdays:

Lizet Olea:	3/1
Enrique Olea:	3/24

**Ladies Bible Class: Thursdays @ 10:30 a.m.**

**Bible study: Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.**

**Worship service: Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.**

### WORSHIP ORDER

#### WELCOME / OPENING PRAYER

548: The Lily of the Valley (1-3)

77: Glorify Thy Name (1-3)

#### COMMUNION & OFFERING: Luke 22:19-20

96: I Stand in Awe (Once)

#### Brief Intermission

23: Our God, He Is Alive (1-2)

#### SERMON

#### INVITATION

523: I Know the Lord Will Find a Way for Me (1 & 3)

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING PRAYER

**Sermons on line:** For the most recent locally recorded  
sermon, simply go to the Palm Springs Church of Christ  
webpage and click on the “sermons” category at the top  
of the page.

<http://www.crenshawchurchofchrist.com>

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