BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Prov. 6:20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

Prov. 6:21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. Prov. 6:22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

I think we all know the book of Proverbs is commands for good behavior. The format they are written in is straightforward and to the point. There are precepts for fathers, mothers, rulers, servants, even children. They deal with finances, work, laziness, morality, truth, gossip, neighbors, and friends and about every condition of human behavior. Often there are three or four principles in each chapter. That is one reason they seem fragmented. By a continual reading we can incorporate these wisdoms into our life. And because we need reminders the book has repetitions of the same teaching. They are not like facts of history, but more like ideas that need to be cultivated. Read Proverbs and cultivate good character.

If you're looking for lessons from history read Genesis or Exodus plus a host of others. If you're looking for romance, read Esther or Song of Songs. If you're looking drama read Ezra or Nehemiah or Jonah; looking for supernatural, read Revelation. If you are looking for someone to identify with read the Psalms or the gospels. The bible is a complete library in itself. How much of our reading time is given to that which has minimal edification? How much of your reading time is in the Holy Scriptures?

Is there any reason you don't read it through at least once a year? That would be three chapters a day and four on Sunday. (1189 chapters in the Bible)

That is only about 15 minutes a day. You could do that during the commercials.

Let's push this a little further (15 minutes in the morning, and 15 in the night - (2 times a year) Is that doable? That is a great way to start and finish your day. Like anything it will take discipline but be prepared for resistance. (Gal. 5:17) It is worth the effort because it will produce a better night's sleep and a better outlook on the new day. All in all, it will produce a better life with more patience, more wisdom and more spiritual power. And make us a ready witness for the truth.

1Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

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Prov. 3:9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:Prov. 3:10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

"WORD OF THE LORD WAS PRECIOUS IN THOSE DAYS"

1 Sam. 3 Intro. How is it in "this" day?

What makes is precious?

- 1. Rarity
- 2. Power
- 3. Content

How precious is it to you?

Tonight at 5:00 "Various people follow Jesus - John 6"

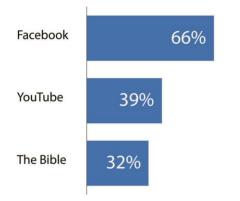
Monday at 4:45 Hiawatha Care Center

Wed. at 5:30 Visitation Wed. at 7:00 Midweek Bible study & Prayer

Missionary of the week: Hazard's - Philippines

Social media vs. Scripture

Percentage of evangelicals in the U.S. who say they use the following every day:



Notes: For social media use, the number equals the percentage of evangelical by belief respondents who when asked "About how often do you visit or use the following social media platforms?" selected "about once a day" or "several lines a day."

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