

## **BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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**John 7:39** – He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Have you ever had to clear a drain or a blockage in something that held water? Stagnant water is usually very disgusting. You can have very clean water running into a pond, but the longer that water sits, the more algae and other things start to grow there. It becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes and frogs. If left in that condition for a long time, all life in it will eventually die. The Dead Sea is dead and full of salt because water flows in, but doesn't flow out. As the water evaporates from the Dead Sea, it leaves behind minerals and salts that eventually kill everything in it. What was once fit for drinking becomes unfit for life.

So also is the Christian life. What God pours into each of us of his Holy Spirit and of his word, he expects to come out of us. A stagnant Christian life, although full of knowledge and spiritual blessings, becomes a detriment to those living around it.

One of the key phrases in John 7:39 is "He that believeth." Faith must be fed. Faith must be exercised. With proper food and exercise, faith will grow. The Bible tells us in 1 Thessalonians 1:13, "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe." The proper food for faith is the word of God (the King James Bible). You get that food here at Bible Baptist Church, but it is not enough to sustain you for the entire week. The word must be taken in daily, for "... man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." You should spend as much time in the word as you do eating physical food.

Once you've been fed, do something with it. Hebrews 5:12 says, "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers..." Also, in verse 14, "But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." Titus 2:3 tells us the elder women should teach the younger women. In 2 Timothy 2:2, Timothy was instructed to commit what he had learned to faithful men who could teach others also.

Perhaps not everyone can teach, but we can all take the gospel to someone. We can all pray. There is something we can all do to keep our lives from becoming stagnant in the work of the Lord.

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Colossians 4:12 - Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.

"THE GOAL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING" Joshua 1:1-7

### **I. To Hear God Speak to you Personally (v. 1-2)**

### **II. To Obtain all that God has Promised (v. 3-6)**

### **III. To Allow God to make you Prosperous (v. 7)**

**Tonight at 6:00 Evangelist Jared Pilkington**

Monday at 4:45 Hiawatha Care Center

**Monday at 7:00 Evangelist Jared Pilkington**

**Tuesday at 7:00 Evangelist Jared Pilkington**

Wed. at 5:30 Visitation

Wed. at 7:00 Bible study & Prayer

Missionary of the week: Roberts - Vietnam