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A Search For Security

Due to the difficult times that we are living in today, most people are in search of some type of security. However, many are unfortunately searching for security in all the wrong places, but the good news is...

True Security Can Be Found In God's Word.

My friend, God's word is truth (John 17:17), and it is profitable for man (2 Timothy 3:16-17). You see, God's word is alive and powerful (Hebrews 4:12), and it is the source by which one acquires faith (Romans 10:17). In Psalm 119:72 the inspired Psalmist in reference to God's word revealed, *"The law of Your mouth is better to me Than thousands of coins of gold and silver."*

You see, God's word is more valuable than gold or silver, and those who hear and keep God's word are blessed (Luke 11:28). Therefore, be a faithful hearer and doer of God's word (James 1:21-25); for as we have learned, true security can be found in God's all inspired word.

True Security Can Be Found In Jesus Christ.

True security is also found in Jesus Christ. In Philippians 4:13, the apostle Paul declared, *"I can do all things through*

Christ who strengthens me." You see, many struggle with various trials and temptations; however, when we put our faith and trust in Jesus Christ we can persevere (Hebrews 2:18, 4:15-16). Therefore, receive the words of Jesus Christ which will judge us in the last day (John 12:48), put Him on through baptism (Galatians 3:27) and be redeemed by the precious blood of Christ (1 Peter 1:18-19). For, my friends, true security is found in Jesus Christ, because He is the way, the truth, and the life, and no one comes to our Father in heaven except through Him (John 14:6).

True Security Can Be Found In Heavenly Treasures.

Last, but certainly not least, true security is in heavenly treasures. In Matthew 6:19-21, Jesus said, *"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."* Sadly, there are too many today who seek to store up and find security in treasures on earth, rather than treasures in heaven, but many fail to realize that one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses (Luke 12:15).

Therefore, may we all understand that true security is not found in the material things of this world (1 John 5:17), and may we not put our trust in uncertain riches, but rather in the living God. Knowing that, always do good and be rich in good works, and store up for yourself a good foundation for the time to come, so that you may lay hold on eternal life (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

Once more, let us all seek security, where true security can be found!

✍ Brad Phillips

DO NOT READ THIS

Sometimes to tell someone not to do something creates in them a desire to do that very thing. Are you that way? Hopefully that doesn't apply with Bible commands. 2Tim.2:15 "Study..." Eph.3:4 "Whereby when ye read..."

While driving on the Interstate one day I saw a bumper sticker that read, "Do not read this." Later I saw a billboard that read "Can't read? Call 1-800-..." The folks that put these signs up were serious. It has been said that our nation is "a nation of viewers and not readers." Believe it or not I've heard of some high school and college athletes that can't read. How does that happen? Which also has spiraled down to members of the Lord's church that don't read. Shame on us! How many of our children see their parents read, let alone study, God's holy word?

A FOND MEMORY

My dear mother, with a third-grade education, taught herself to read by reading the Bible. You see, her childhood was a mess. My father, a totally disabled veteran, could not work so my mother had to. She woke at 4:30 every morning to work on the cold bacon line at Armour Star, an inglorious, dangerous job. She got home around 3:30 in the afternoon to do washing, ironing, house cleaning, and on and on before we boys were old enough to help her. No dishwasher, a ringer-type washing machine and a clothesline on which to dry the clothes, no microwave. No "washNwear" clothing all had to be ironed. Seldom was the day that her Bible wasn't open on the kitchen table as she prepared our supper. I never thought much about it then, but now it is a precious memory.

ELDERS AND WITNESSES

So much did she read and study her Bible that whenever the Mormon Elders or Jehovah's Witness came by they left our house with a loving earful of scripture and questions they couldn't answer. Eventually that stopped as they had marked our house and gave us

the "Passover" when they were in our neighborhood. Mom also read any article she could get her hands on. I don't know how many weekly bulletins we received, but they were all read.

This is a subliminal message: Tell Brad, that you read the bulletin.

WHAT IF NO ONE TELLS THEM?

Read to your children, you too dad, just a few minutes a day, before they are able to read. Try reading the Bible to them and not Mother Goose or some other children's books. Let them look back on that fond memory.

REMEMBER MOSES' WORDS

DEUT. 6: 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates (NIV).

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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	4:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

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