

# THE BELLEVILLE MESSENGER

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## Some Benefits of Daily Bible Reading

With this being the beginning of a New Year, I encourage us all to grab one of the schedules for reading thru the Bible in one year, and I encourage us to daily read our Bibles. You see, there are a number of benefits that come from daily Bible reading, so let's consider some of the benefits of daily Bible reading.

### **Daily Bible Reading Will Help Give One A Much Better Understanding of God's Word.**

In Ephesians 5:17, the apostle Paul told the saints in Ephesus not to be unwise, but rather to understand what the will of the Lord is. Now, how can one know and understand what the Lord's will is, unless they read and study His revealed will? The answer is, they can't. Therefore, seek to search the Scriptures daily (Acts 17:11) and strive to diligently study God's word (2 Timothy 2:15) in 2024.

### **Daily Bible Reading Will Help Fill One's Mind With Good Things.**

Another benefit of daily Bible reading is that it will fill one's mind with good things, rather than with filth and garbage. You see, I venture to say that probably each and every one of us is watching TV, surfing the web, or engaging in some kind of social media activity daily. However, the problem with this is, we become bombarded with junk that our mind needs to filter out. Therefore, let's strive to spend less time watching TV and engaging in social media activities, and let's spend more time engaging in daily Bible reading in 2024 so that we may fill our minds with pure and wholesome things (Philippians 4:8).

### **Daily Bible Reading Will Help Develop Discipline.**

Much of the difficulty in daily Bible reading comes from a lack of discipline. You see, just as sticking to a diet and or a daily exercise regimen requires effort, focus, and discipline, so does daily Bible reading. Therefore, daily Bible reading needs to become a habit for us, and like any habit it must be formed by repetition. Knowing that, let's take the Ezra approach, and let's prepare our heart to seek the law of the Lord and to do it (Ezra 7:10), and to help us achieve this, let's all eagerly read our Bible's daily in 2024.

### **Daily Bible Reading Will Help Increase Family Togetherness.**

Spending time together as a family is something that is desperately needed for many families today. Sadly, due to the hustle and bustle of everyday life, along with increased technology, families are now communicating less and spending less time together than ever before. This needs to change, and when families devote time to come together daily to read the Bible together this much needed change can be accomplished. So, always remember to put first things first (Matthew 6:33), and to help us and our families accomplish this, let's read the Bible daily with them in 2024.

### **Daily Bible Reading Will Help Us Keep Our Eye On The Prize.**

Daily Bible reading can also be of benefit by helping one keep their eye on the prize (Philippians 4:14). In Psalm 119:11, the Psalmist of old revealed, *"Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You."* My friends, we need to possess the same attitude as the Psalmist, and when we daily read our Bibles, we will be more apt to achieve that much needed attitude. Again, daily Bible reading will help us keep our eye on obtaining the prize of eternal life in heaven (Philippians 3:12-14), it will make us wiser, and we will be better equipped to keep the commandments of the Lord (Revelation 22:14).

My beloved brethren, and friends, these are just a few of the many benefits of daily Bible reading. Therefore, as we begin this New Year, I encourage us all to sincerely, and enthusiastically, engage in reading our Bible's daily.

✍️ Brad Phillips

# Biblical Illiteracy

Olga and I want to share a Bible verse that we all should study and meditate on, *“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man”* (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

A growing problem in the world today is one of Biblical Illiteracy. Some recent surveys have concluded that fewer than half of all adults can name the four Gospel accounts. Fifty percent of high school seniors believe that Sodom and Gomorrah were husband and wife. Eighty-two percent of Americans believe God helps those who help themselves is a Bible verse, and many today believe that Billy Graham preached the Sermon on the Mount.

Now, all of us should recognize the need to study God’s all inspired word. God’s word is a great treasure (Psalm 119:162), and blessed is he that readeth (Revelation 1:3). Therefore, study your Bible knowing that the facts of the Bible will build faith, and that God’s word is powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12).

*✍ Thornton Thomas*

## God’s Plan of Salvation

**Hear the word of God. (Romans 10:17)**

**Believe in Jesus Christ. (John 8:24)**

**Repent of your sins. (Acts 17:30)**

**Confess Jesus Christ. (Romans 10:9-10)**

**Be baptized for the remission of sins. (Acts 2:38)**

**Remain faithful unto death. (Revelation 2:10)**

*“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek”* (Romans 1:16).

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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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