

DO YOU RESTORE GOD'S WORD?

"Go and inquire of the Lord for me and for the remnant ... about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the Lord's anger that is poured out on us because our fathers have not kept the word of the Lord; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written in this book" (2 Chronicles 34:21).

Josiah was a restorer of right worship and living in a generation that had strayed greatly from God's Word. In fact, the book of the law had been lost for quite some time, lying unread and unfollowed, no doubt, in a dusty and forgotten corner of the temple—or perhaps Hilkiah knew all along where it was and was waiting for the terrible reigns of Manasseh and Amon to end and a king with the repentant spirit of young Josiah to come to the throne? The king's reaction was not just to reform a few things. He tore his robes when he heard the words of the Law and connected their problems with not following God's commands. How different than today when many see the Bible as a joy-killer or as the source of all societal problems! Not only did Josiah remove all idols and have the people serve the Lord as God commanded, they did it as long as the king lived.

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- Doug Kashorek, Plattsburgh, NY, *BulletinDigest.com* -

READING BIBLES ONLY ON THE EDGES

Bible reading, though discouraged by some, is a wonderful privilege as well as an essential for Christian living (Acts 17:11). Being greater than any product of purely human genius, the Bible cannot but be a benefit to man.

In studying the Scriptures man receives lasting blessings:

1. **Strength.** Who doesn't need greater strength for the heavy loads of life? Proverbs 24:5 says "a man of knowledge increaseth strength."

2. **Happiness.** The common objective of human beings is to be happy. The Bible must be central in the search for happiness for success to be realized. Psalm 1:1,2 says the blessed (happy) man has "his delight in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

3. **The approval of God.** (2 Timothy 2:15). No higher goal in life is there than to seek God's favor.

Patrick Henry, near death, said "Here is a book, the Bible, worth more than all others that were ever printed; yet it is my misfortune never to have found time to read it."

Reader, apply yourself to the Scriptures and then apply the Scriptures to your life (Galatians 3:26,27).

- Bill Dillon, *Gospel Gems Vol. 1, BulletinDigest.com* -

The Bible is a mirror that lets us see ourselves as God sees us.

News & Notes

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. Ladies are invited to come and participate in this labor of love to help make stuffed bears for kids.

MEN'S LEADERSHIP CLASSES: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. All men are invited and urged to attend this class.

LADIES DAY: Saturday, April 1st at the Coraopolis, PA Church of Christ. "Dotting Your i's" with speakers Karen Taylor and Betty Smith. Registration: 10:00-11:00 a.m. Lunch provided.

FRIDAY NIGHT SING: April 28th, 7:00 p.m. at the St. Clair Avenue Church of Christ, East Liverpool, OH.

SUMMER CAMP APPLICATIONS: On the desk in the foyer.

PANTRY: Vegetable soup.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Lois Hissom, Eva Stefl, Betty Henthorne, Doris Dunham. Charles Leroy Burdine, Jr. (Willard's brother) P.O. Box 59, Smithfield, WV 26437. Laverna Richards (Twila Adamson's sister): 340 Pittsburg Landing, Summerville, SC 29485. Tasha Hall Beatty, 1034 Pyramus Rd., Chester, WV 26034. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller, Jim Mick, **CALCUTTA HEALTH CARE:** Ella Beagle.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Hanoverton March 19-23.....Andy Robison
CHESTER..... April 23-27.....Roger Rush

The Bible on Being Deceived

- A man is *DECEIVED* if he is a hearer and not a doer of the Word (James 1:22).
- A man is *DECEIVED* if he says he has no sin (1 John 1:8).
- A man is *DECEIVED* when he thinks himself to be something when he is nothing (Galatians 6:3).
- A man is *DECEIVED* when he thinks himself to be wise with worldly wisdom (1 Corinthians 3:18).
- A man is *DECEIVED* when he seems to be religious and does not bridle his tongue (James 1:26).
- A man is *DECEIVED* when he thinks that he will not reap what he sows (Galatians :7).
- A man is *DECEIVED* when he thinks that evil company will not corrupt good morals (1 Corinthians 15:33).
- A man is *DECEIVED* when he thinks that the unrighteous will inherit the kingdom of God [go to heaven] (1 Corinthians 6:9).

Now Satan will try to *DECEIVE* you to not pay attention to the above. Will you let him?

- Author Unknown