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**❖SERMON NOTES ❖**

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Sunday, September 11, 2011

**“GOD’S WORD”**

(Acts 17:1-12)

The Bible is the inspired word of God. It has God as its Author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter. What are we to do with the Bible?

**1. WHAT IS THE BIBLE?**

The Bible consists of the \_\_\_\_\_.

The Bible is the \_\_\_\_\_.

The Bible is \_\_\_\_\_.

**2. WHAT IS THE CENTRAL MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE?**

**3. WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH THE BIBLE?**

We are to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

**4. WITHOUT READING THE BIBLE:**

I am depriving myself of \_\_\_\_\_.

I am stunting my \_\_\_\_\_.

I am undermining my \_\_\_\_\_.

I am steering away from personal \_\_\_\_\_.

I am cutting myself off from \_\_\_\_\_.

I am abandoning the primary source of all effective \_\_\_\_\_.

## 5. BIBLE READING STRATEGIES

Strategy 1: Read the Bible to \_\_\_\_\_.

Strategy 2: Read the Bible \_\_\_\_\_.

Strategy 3: Read the Bible \_\_\_\_\_.

Strategy 4: Remember \_\_\_\_\_.

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*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven”*  
(NIV, Matthew 5:3, NIV).

*“Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge,  
you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured  
back to you”* (Matthew 7:1-2, NKJV)

**1. WHAT IS THE BIBLE?**

**The Bible consists of the Scriptures.**

**The Bible is the Word of God.**

**The Bible is Unique.**

**2. WHAT IS THE CENTRAL MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE?**

*“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them  
what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself”* (Luke 24: 27,  
NIV).

*“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we  
might become the righteousness of God”* (2 Corinthians 5: 21, NIV).

**3. WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH THE BIBLE?**

**We are to Believe it.**

**We are to Search it.**

**We are to Receive it.**

**We are to Proclaim it.**

#### **4. WITHOUT READING THE BIBLE:**

**I am depriving myself of LIFE.**

*“He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD” (Deuteronomy 8:3, NIV).*

**I am stunting my GROWTH.**

*“Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation” (1 Peter 2:2, NIV).*

**I am undermining my FAITH.**

**I am steering away from personal PURITY.**

**I am cutting myself off from GUIDANCE.**

**I am abandoning the primary source of all effective MINISTRY.**

#### **5. BIBLE READING STRATEGIES**

**Strategy 1: Read the Bible to Deepen Your Relationship with God**

**Strategy 2: Read the Bible Until It “Burns”**

*“Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” (Luke 24:32, NIV).*

**Strategy 3: Read the Bible Every Day**

**Strategy 4: Remember What is Written**