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Family Focus

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SEVEN GUIDELINES TO PROFITABLE BIBLE STUDY

By Mike Riley

Profitable Bible study involves more than just opening to a chapter and reading the words on the pages. The following are seven guidelines to help us make the most of our study of God's word:

- * Set aside a regular time. Unless we schedule a specific and uninterrupted time for Bible study, we will more than likely neglect Bible study.
- * Before we start reading, let's ask God for help in understanding the text.
- * Carefully think about what we're reading. Not all of the Bible's treasures lie like pebbles on the surface. To mine the gold, we have to dig.
- * Seek to understand what the author was communicating to the people who first read the book or letter before we decide how to properly apply it today.
- * Write down at least one truth or principle we can put into every day practice.
- * Try different translations of the Bible. If we find ourself skimming over familiar words, a new translation might focus our mind on a passage in a new way.
- * Let's not get discouraged. Some parts of the Bible are more interesting than others, and some we may not understand immediately. But there's enough that we can understand, revolutionizing our life **IF** we apply it.

Let's read Proverbs 2:1-9 with the above guidelines in mind. Then try studying again tomorrow, remembering that the Bible's treasures are found by those who **dig for them**.

***When reading God's word, take special care
To find the rich treasures hidden there;
Give thought to each line, each precept clear,
Then practice it well with godly fear.***

**Encourage one another in love and
good deeds. Hebrews 10:23-24**

Pray for the sick: You may not know some of them, but God knows them and their needs, so let's lift them up.

Terry Hastings, Sandi Holt, Michelle Tucker, Pat Tucker, Dave Newberry; Myra's sister, Connie; Norma Hudson, Bobby Phillips, continuing health concerns.

On-going personal Bible studies.

World turmoil; people of Ukraine and Russia

Jenny Womersley and family

Butch Womersley; health and safety

All those battling COVID

Our elders and deacons

Cipolla family in their work with children.

'Celebrate Recovery'

Ace Himes

Robin Matthew's son, C.W. is home and recuperating from his accident. Praise God!

Newly elected leaders, local, state, national

LADIES' ZOOM: Now Tuesdays at 7:00

CELEBRATE RECOVERY will continue each Monday evening from 6-9 in the FLC. Meal at 6, meeting 7-9.

JANUARY 29-Feb. 1, Carey Terry Lesson Series
Sunday Jan 29; 9:00 Bible class; 10:00 sermon, **Potluck Fellowship Meal**, 6:30 sermon Monday through Wednesday; 6:30 each evening

CAMP MANATAWNY REGISTRATION opens Jan. 15. See Philip if you need sponsorship code.

WOMEN TO WOMEN WORKSHOP scheduled for March 18. Mark your calendars.

MEN TO SERVE;

Welcome/Scripture; Dave-8th; Shawn-15th
Prayer; Vinny-8th; Bobby-15th
Table; Andy-8th; Philip-15th
Announcements/Closing prayer; Daniel-Jan.
Song Leader; Paul-8th; David-15th

Opportunities for study and worship

Sunday: (In person and virtually at:
www.laurelcoc.org)

Bible Classes 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Teen Devo 6:00 p.m.

Thursday:

Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study at building 6:30 p.m.

We invite you to attend any of our service times, and we look forward to welcoming you, and pray that you might find a home here with us in Laurel and with God in heaven as His child.

If you need Media help — connections, addresses, or general questions contact: Don Trader or Julio Brennick

WHO WE ARE

The body of Christ in Laurel, Delaware is a family of believers knit together in love (Colossians 2:2), striving to serve God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24) and carrying the gospel to the lost (Matthew 28:18). We are an autonomous body with Christ only as our head, and elders shepherding the flock of God (Acts 20:28).

We have been entrusted with the gospel (I Thessalonians 2:4) and so it is that we speak. The congregation seeks to uphold the doctrine and practice of the first century church using the only true standard, the Bible, as our guide (2 Peter 1:3). It is our prayer that all would come to a knowledge of the truth and partake in that divine fellowship in the body of Christ, being immersed for the remission of sins, and beginning life anew with Christ as Lord (Acts 2:38, Romans 6:1). Our plea is that we might be one in Christ, and serve the Lord faithfully unto death to receive our crown (Revelation 2:10).