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CONTINUE READING

2 Timothy 2:15 tells us, "To be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the Word of Truth." NASB

This verse was written directly to Timothy, but other verses such as Ephesians 4:1 and 5:1-2 communicate to believers the importance of maintaining one's relationship with God through what the Scriptures say.

Therefore, to be diligent or to study in order to be approved to God as a workman, is a responsibility that each believer should cherish. The Scriptures were given so that we, as believers, can know God and His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thus, from experience, this author has learned that Devotional Bible Study is the most important kind of Bible Study.

"A Devotional Bible Study is a personal, relational practice of reading and meditating on Scripture to seek spiritual nourishment, intimacy with God, and practical application to daily life." (Focus on the Family).

Remember that a devotional approach to the Scriptures allows the text to examine the reader's heart and to inspire prayer.

Some helps to Devotional Bible Study are:

1. Begin with prayer (Psalm 119:18).
2. Take brief notes on what you read . . . with a small notebook.
3. Read slowly through one chapter or one paragraph at a time.
4. Then ask yourself. . . -

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- A. What is the main subject of the passage?
- B Who is speaking and to whom is he speaking?
- C. Do you recognize a main verse or a key verse?
- D. What does the passage teach you about the Lord Jesus Christ?
- E. Are there any promises to claim or instructions to follow?

There are many guidelines that you will come to realize as you read and study:

Train yourself to memorize the Scriptures. No one is ever too old to memorize. Use index cards with the address on one side and the verse on the other side. Carry them with you. **TRY JUST ONE VERSE A WEEK! (PSALM 119:11)**

***REMEMBER** to meditate means to “reflect, to pondeer, to consider, to dwell on thought.”

Through meditation, the Scriptures will become meaningful and real to you. This will allow God’s Spirit to work in your life.

Continue reading the Scripture and you will find that the blessings of God have no end.

*“All Scripture is God-breathed
and is useful for teaching,
rebuking, correcting and training
in righteousness, so that the
servant of God may be thoroughly
equipped for every good work.”*

2 Timothy 3:16-17



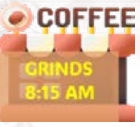
From the Desk of Bro. Dan

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Birthflowers: Chrysanthemum, symbolizing loyalty, love, and longevity.
Birthstone: Topaz symbolizing strength.

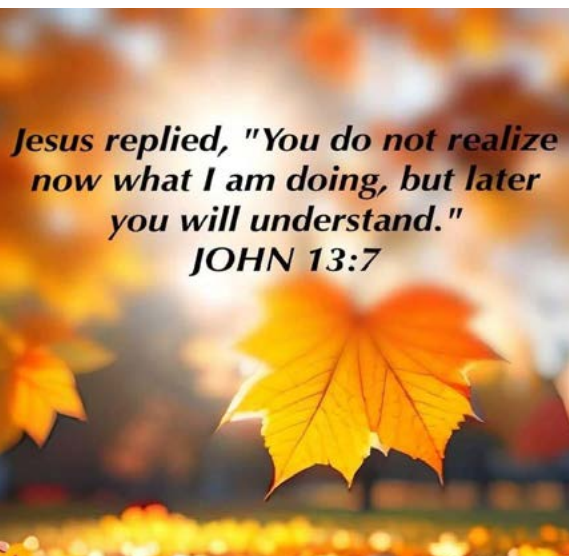
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1  COFFEE GRINDS 8:15 AM OBF SUNDAY SERVICES 10AM-NOON	2	3 Election Day	4	5	6	7
8 OBF SUNDAY SERVICES 10AM-NOON	9 <div>Happy Birthday Kendra</div>	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14 <div>Happy Birthday Gordie</div>
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WILL YOU GO OUT WITHOUT KNOWING?

“He went out, not knowing where he was going” (Hebrews 11:8)

Have you ever “gone out” in this way? If so, there is no logical answer possible when anyone asks you what you are doing. One of the most difficult questions to answer in Christian work is, “What do you expect to do?” You don’t know what you are going to do. The only thing you know, is that GOD KNOWS what He is doing. Continually examine your attitude that keeps you in constant wonder, because you don’t know what God is going to do next. Each morning as you wake, there is a new opportunity to “go out,” building your confidence in God. “. . . do not worry about your life . . . nor about the body . . .” (Luke 12:22). In other words, don’t worry about the things that concerned you before you did “go out.”

Have you been asking God what He is going to do? He will never tell you. God does not tell you what He is going to do but He reveals to you WHO HE IS! Do you believe in a miracle-working God, and will you “go out” in complete surrender to Him until you are not surprised one iota by anything He does?



Believe that God is always the God you know Him to be when you are nearest to Him. Then think how unnecessary and disrespectful worry is! Let the attitude of your life be a continual willingness to “go out” in dependence upon God, and your life will have a sacred and inexpressible charm about it that is very satisfying to Jesus. You must learn to “go out” through your convictions, creeds, or experiences until you come to the point in your faith where there is nothing between yourself and God.

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"I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being."

UPHOLD WITH PRAYER

RESPIRATORY

Ron Murphy - COPD

Seth Karpenko - Asthma

DIABETES

Joy Karpenko

Susan Haley

NEUROLOGICAL

Kendra Cooke - Migraines

Joy Karpenko - Migraines

Dan Haley 3 - Migraines

Patsy Cliff - Falls due to severe muscle weakness

Chere Peter - Crippling Arthritis

Susan Haley - Neuropathy

MENTAL HEALTH

Jayden and Morgan Cooke

Seth Karpenko

Dean Manchester

SPECIAL HEALTH CONCERNS

Dan Haley 3 - Spinal arthritis/stenosis, Alports Syndrome

(affects hearing, kidneys, pancreas)

Victoria Murphy - Sciatica

Judy Hurst - in memory care facility

Jodi Corona - Alzheimer's, toes removed and future surgeries possible

Mark Nicholson - Mobility problems and confined to wheelchair

James Johnson - Loss of strength in legs, IBS

LOSS OF LOVED ONES

Jodi Corona and Christy Auberger - LOSS OF BROTHER, JEFF PAYNE

Gail Engemann - LOSS OF SON, KEN ENGEMANN

Anna Pratt - LOSS OF HUSBAND, STEPHEN PRATT

Pratt Family - LOSS OF LOVED ONE, STEPHEN PRATT

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The sun is just rising on the morning of another day. What can I wish that this day may bring to me?

Nothing that shall make the world of others poorer. Nothing at the expense of others. Just those few things which in their coming do not stop with me, but that touch me as they pass and gather strength that goes to others.

A few friends who understand me,
and yet remain my friends.

A work to do which has real value
without which the world would feel poorer.

A mind unafraid to travel,
even though the trail be unblazed.

An understanding heart.

A sight of the eternal hills and restless sea, and of something beautiful
God has given the hands of men to make.

A sense of humor and the power to laugh

A few moments of quiet, silent meditation in the presence of God.

The patience to wait for the coming of these things
with the wisdom to know them when they come.

A heart of gratefulness for my God and this day to live in His beauty.



Easy Checklist to Hosting *Thanksgiving!*

1-2 Weeks Before

- ☐ Make your guest list.
- ☐ Decide on what type of Thanksgiving you want to host – formal, casual, potluck, etc.
- ☐ Create a rough draft menu.
- ☐ Start a detailed shopping list.
- ☐ Send out invites via email or text.
- ☐ Specify if (and what) they should bring.
- ☐ Order your turkey and secure a pickup date 3-4 days prior to Thanksgiving.
- ☐ Shop for non-perishable items, paper products, wine, or any other items that won't go bad.
- ☐ Make sure you have meal prep containers or storage for leftover food.
- ☐ Do a kitchen inventory check - do you have a potato masher, gravy bowl, serving ladles, meat thermometer, etc.

4-5 Days Before

- ☐ Do a dry run of table setting. Make sure you have enough tables & chairs to seat all your guests.
- ☐ Decide on linens, flatware, plates, wine glasses, and serving platters you want to use.
- ☐ Pro tip: place a sticky note on each dish of the recipe it will hold!
- ☐ Review recipes and prepare a cooking schedule. Work backwards from when you need to serve dinner.
- ☐ Clean out the fridge/freezer to make room for the food and leftovers.

2-3 Days Before

- ☐ Make sure your turkey has started to defrost at least 3 days before Thanksgiving
- ☐ Decorate table with fall decor
- ☐ Clean your house. On Thanksgiving day all you have to do is "fluff."
- ☐ Buy perishable groceries. Don't forget ICE.
- ☐ Bring out any coolers if you don't have a second fridge to hold drinks, side dishes, etc.
- ☐ Bake your pies!
- ☐ Begin to prep ingredients that need to be chopped, etc.

1 Day Before

- ☐ Start prepping side dishes or any dish that you can make ahead.
- ☐ Prep appetizers.
- ☐ Finalize the table setting. I put out plates, glasses, etc. If you have a small table or bar cart, have one nearby so you can rotate out dishes.
- ☐ Pick out your outfit and plan in time to get ready.
- ☐ Review cooking schedule. Plan an extra 30-45 minutes as turkey cooking times always shift.

Thanksgiving Day

- ☐ Rise and shine! Get that turkey out of the fridge and let it come to room temperature for at least an hour.
- ☐ Start cooking your turkey. You got this!
- ☐ Get ready for the day.
- ☐ Set out appetizers & uncork any wine that needs to breathe.
- ☐ Turkey needs to come out of the oven to rest for an hour before slicing.
- ☐ Side dish warming and make gravy!
- ☐ Place all the serving platters on the table, serve, and enjoy!



GET ORGANIZED IN ONLY 7 DAYS

ONE MORE TIME!!!
YOU MAY BE LIKE
THE HALEY'S AND
NEGLECTED THE
PLAN....

DAY ONE

Kitchen

Clean fridge:
Throw away old food and expired condiments
Make a list to replace expired condiments
Wipe the inside of the fridge
Clean pantry and discard expired food
Sell or donate any small appliances you don't use.
Go through and organize your junk drawer/s

DAY THREE

Bathrooms

Clean out all drawers and underneath the sink;
Discard all expired make-up or toiletries;
Throw away make-up or toiletries that you don't like or use anymore;
Wipe your drawers down;
Put things back in an organized manner

DAY FIVE

Office

Finally go through your "PILE" and don't stop until the pile is gone!
File away papers you need to keep
Discard old papers, fliers, magazine, etc., that you are no longer using;
Declutter as much as possible;
Donate books that you no longer need or use

DAY SEVEN

Basement/Attic

No basement or attic? Wahoo! Day off! Otherwise...
Look in every box, bin and corner – if it doesn't bring you joy, get rid of it!
Stored clothing? If it doesn't fit or you don't use it, donate it;
If it doesn't have a sentimental value, throw it away;
Don't forget to sort seasonal decorations and eliminate what you no longer use or anything past its prime

DAY TWO

Family Rm, Dining Rm, Entry

Go through dressers, drawers or bins...if you love something, sell or donate it;
Sell or donate shoes, coats, scarves, gloves, hats, etc. that don't fit or that aren't used;
Look around your room and if it feels cluttered, donate anything that doesn't bring you joy

DAY FOUR

Bedrooms

Go through closet/dresser and donate clothing and shoes that do not fit or that you do not wear;
Pack summer/spring clothing and replace with fall/winter clothing;
Clean under beds;
Organize books and donate the ones that you no longer want

DAY SIX

Garage

Go through any bins and organize, organize, organize especially gardening stuff and tools!
Donate / sell things you no longer need/want/use;
Go through kids/grandkids outdoor toys, keeping only what is used and is age appropriate

Only work for
TWO hours
each day

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Since we heard about the faith in the Lord Jesus that you have and your love for all the saints, we never stop giving thanks for you and continually mention you in our prayers. We ask that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation to know Him better. I pray your heart's eyes will be enlightened so that you understand the hope of His calling, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe.



Happy Thanksgiving to all of you.
Enjoy a wonderful time of celebrating the many blessings that God has given.

Bro. Dan and Susan

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
10:00 AM also on ZOOM

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE & MESSAGE FROM THE SCRIPTURES
11:00 AM also on ZOOM

MONDAY "FOUNDATIONS"
7PM only on ZOOM - 2x/month

THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP in the PSALMS
11:00 AM, 3639 Redman Rd., OBF Coffee Lounge
(Please call 585-738-1006 for date and time confirmation)

ZOOM LINKS are available on our website on the "Meetings" page
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United States

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2026 Holidays for United States

Jan 1 New Year's Day
Jan 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Feb 14 Valentine's Day
Feb 16 Washington's Birthday
Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
Apr 5 Easter Sunday
Apr 15 Tax Day
Apr 22 Administrative Professionals Day

May 10 Mother's Day
May 25 Memorial Day
Jun 19 Juneteenth
Jun 21 Father's Day
Jul 3 Independence Day (substitute day)
Jul 4 Independence Day
Sep 7 Labor Day
Oct 12 Columbus Day

Oct 31 Halloween
Nov 11 Veterans Day
Nov 26 Thanksgiving Day
Nov 27 Day after Thanksgiving Day
Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Dec 25 Christmas Day
Dec 31 New Year's Eve