

The Value of Being a Biblical Christian – 10/22/23

TEXT- John 4:14 *But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

INTRO – Deuteronomy 8:1-3 *All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers. 2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no. 3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.*

Colossians 3:10 *And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:*

Ephesians 4:24 *And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

Victory comes as a result of Christ being formed in us.

Principles in the Bible help to react to trials of life

Spirituality must be Scriptural.

1 Corinthians 10:11 *Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.*

1 Corinthians 2:14 *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

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Psalms 119:11 *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*

We must read the Bible and live by the Bible!

Benefits of the Bible

1. It will make you prosperous.

A. Financial

Malachi 3:10 *Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.*

Luke 6:38 *Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed*

down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

B. Physical prosperity

C. Emotional Benefits

D. Social benefits

E. Mental Benefits

F. Spiritual benefits

G. Domestic benefits

Joshua 1:8 *This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

Psalms 1:1-6 *Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.*

1 Timothy 4:13-15 *Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. 15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17 *All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*

James 1:25 *But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.*

3 John 1:2 *Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*

Deuteronomy 29:9 *Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.*

1 Kings 2:3 *And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in*

all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:

Isaiah 55:11 *So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*

Meditate –

2 Corinthians 10:5 *Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

1 Corinthians 9:27 *But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.*

2. It Will Develop and Build Your Faith

Romans 10:17 *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Hebrews 11:6 *But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

3. It is the Avenue to Salvation

Ephesians 2:8-9 *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

4. It is the Condition to Answered Prayer

Matthew 21:22 *And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.*

5. It Will Give Victory Over Sin

Psalms 119:11 *Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*

6. It will give you peace

Psalms 119:165 *Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.*

I am the only one that can ruin my day.

7. It will bring joy.

John 15:11 *These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.*

1 John 1:4 *And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.*

8. It will motivate us to service

Jeremiah 20:9 *Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.*

CONCL – The Bible must be put into action