

TITLE: Reasons for Bible Study

INTRODUCTION:

What is the difference between knowing about God and knowing God?

Knowing about God has no basis in personal relationship, but Knowing God indicates intimacy

Some believers are content to know Jesus as savior.  
But they miss out on the abundant living that Jesus promised.

Jesus wants us to know him as both savior and Lord  
This means  
He is boss  
He directs our lives  
He leads us into his good and perfect will  
He wants us to rely on him to deal with life's adversities  
He wants to demonstrate his all sufficiency  
He wants us to know that fulfillment is found in Him only

Thus he gave us HIS WORD

Knowing God, really knowing Him requires effort

It requires reading and studying God's word

I would like to share three reasons to Study God's word

1. It's God's will
2. Through it our needs are met
3. Through it our lives are changed

## **I. IT'S GOD'S WILL**

1. What Causes a person's love for another person to Grow?  
(answer) It is the close contact between the two people.

It is unlikely that our love for a person will grow if we do not spend time with them.

This is true of our love for God.

2. As our love for a person Grows we become more  
COMPLETE  
SATISFIED  
PRODUCTIVE

How does God make us more complete satisfied and productive?

1. COMPLETE – God has designed us so that without Him we are incomplete
2. SATISFIED – Only God Can satisfy the deepest longing of our spirit's...Christ is the bread of life and water of life that quenches our thirst and satisfies our hunger.
3. PRODUCTIVE – We can do many things without Christ, but we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

3. Matthew 4:4

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

What did Jesus mean by this verse?

Man is not just a material being he is a spiritual being also.

Your hunger for spiritual things will never be satisfied by a diet of material things

Only when we feed our spirits with the rich nourishment of the Word will we Grow Spiritually

4. Further our relationship to God depends on our obedience to His commands.

Of course the only way we can obey his commands is by studying His Word

Psalm 119:11

I have hidden your word in my heart  
that I might not sin against you.

Matthew 22:37

Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

Studying the Word is loving Him with our mind

We are commanded to study the Word

But there is a promise that Goes along with it.

John 16:13

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

The Holy Spirit of God will help us.

We should pray before we study and ask the HS to help us

1. quicken the word to our spirits
2. heighten our interest
3. deepen our understanding

A second reason to Study God's word is

## **II. THAT THROUGH IT OUR NEEDS ARE MET**

Psalm 103:14

for he knows how we are formed,  
he remembers that we are dust.

He made us

He knows what we have need of

He knows how to help us

**What is one of the greatest problems that we face...that needs fixing?**

SIN

How does sin Mar our lives?

**As an example** to you I have taken some dirt and placed it in the manifold of Bill's crown Vic.

How many of you want to go for a ride with Bill.

Unless we clean the dirt out of the engine it will eventually kill the motor

**The same is true with sin in our lives**

We may be able to live with it for a time, but it slows us down

The more we sin the worse we become

**Unless we are cleansed we will be killed also**

What do people do when looking for solutions to their problems?

Don't you wish that life came with an instruction Manuel that would tell you this truth?

In a way it does....

2 Tim. 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, [17] so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

When God starts working in our lives ihe is more like a surgeon then a mechanic

John 15:2

He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

How does God's word repair or perform surgery on the life of a believer?

Which brings us to our final point

### **III. THROUGH IT OUR LIVES ARE CHANGED**

One of the first signs of backsliding is indifference or boredom towards God's word

What is the remedy for backsliding ....REVIVAL.

Someone has said that :all great lasting revivals have their genesis in the restoration of the word of God to it's rightful place of prominence.

I want to read an illustration called God's love letter to mankind...

God want us to feel as passionately about him and His word as he does us.

Imagine receiving a letter from someone you love but not opening it for days, you just let it sit on your desk and you ignore it while you busy yourself with other things

Improbable Right

But that's exactly what believers do when they ignore God's word

Matthew 7:24-27

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. [25] The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. [26] But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. [27] The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

the thing I want you to notice is that the man who built his house on solid rock made a deliberate decision to build this way

It was a more difficult way to build

But in the end it changed His life

## **CONCLUSION**

I am convinced that everyone in this room has room for improvement in their life toward God and His word

It is probably in one or more of the following areas

**HUNGER** for God's word

**OBEDIENCE** to God's Word

**DISCIPLINE** In studying "asking, seeking, knocking..."

## **TEACHABLE NESS**

Psalm 119:102-103

I have not departed from your laws,  
for you yourself have taught me.  
[103] How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

## **HUMILITY**

1 Cor. 1:30-31

It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God--that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. [31] Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord."

(From Joel Osteen)

This is my Bible.

I am what it says I am.

I have what it says I have.

I can do what it says I can do.

Today, I will be taught the Word of God.

I boldly confess:

My mind is alert.

My heart is receptive.

I will never be the same.

I am about to receive the incorruptible,  
indestructible, ever-living seed  
of the Word of God.

I will never be the same.

Never, never, never.

I'll never be the same.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

(Homework)

Ephes. 3:4-5

In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, [5] which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.