

## KEEP THE BIBLE OPEN!

So many times, we as people when we think we know enough about something get complacent. It is an extremely dangerous situation for us to be in. It is with this thought that we think that we will be okay in the end. Let us ask a question. Have we been reading our Bible? Is the I am okay just the way that I am concept there in the Bible?

Or how about this, when we may be talking to someone about the Bible, or someone approaches us how do we respond? Do we say, "I think or maybe it is there." Do we show the confidence by opening our Bible and shedding light on the situation? It is imperative that we give the necessary attention to our Bible. Paul speaks about giving this attention to a young and growing Christian Timothy (**I Timothy 4:12-16**). Then he also points out the need for standing for truth (**II Timothy 4:2-5**). There may be times when others neglect the Bible and instead desire to have their ears pricked or filled with words that will make ones 'self-feel good instead of hearing the truth.

We need to be giving attention to our Bibles every day. The Bible is an inspired work of God (**II Timothy 3:16-17**). It is profitable for our teaching, how we judge our life according to a standard, correction that needs to be made, and how to live our lives pleasing God. It is the only way that leads to eternal life (**John 14:6**).

How often do we pay attention to our Bibles? Is it only when we are at services? Do we read outside times we congregate with our brethren? Do we take time to remember God and read more of His wisdom that he provides? We need to be reading our Bibles and studying and giving attention.

We need to know whether things that are presented are truthful and right. We need to be like those of Berea (**Acts 17:11**). After receiving the word, we need to on top of that search the scriptures to see whether the things that are said are true. We cannot rely on what anyone says, it could be opinions. We need to search and find the answers.

When we open our Bibles, we know more about God and his knowledge (**Psalms 119:97-105**). How do we understand the law of God? How do we understand and recognize false ways? How do we learn control? How do we learn guidance that leads to the saving of the soul? It all points to the Bible giving the attention through reading and studying. It should always be in our thoughts.

Many today reject Christ. But if we open the Bible and read more of His inspired scriptures we can know more of Christ. Even though many reject Christ He is still the foundation of faith through God's inspired word. Many think they know God (**Matthew 7:21-23**), but the true question is "are we obeying God's will?" For us to know if we are obeying God's will we need to know His commands. Where is it found? The answer is right in front of us. Our Bibles!