

## **NEGLECTING THE WORD OF GOD (Isaiah 40:28-31)**

**I Peter 2:2** The best selling book of all time is still the King James Bible. The bible is everywhere, in almost every home, in motels and hotels, in offices, hospitals and nursing homes. The sad fact is that despite the fact of being so accessible the bible is seldom read by those calling themselves Christians.

### **Reality Of Neglecting The Bible**

**Matthew 19:4-6** The religious crowd during Jesus time were just as blind to the scriptures as they are today regarding marriage and divorce.

**Matthew 22:29-31** Jesus rebukes the religious leaders again for not knowing the scriptures.

**John 5:36-40** If the religious people of the day knew their bible they would have known who Jesus was because of the many prophecies that were fulfilled by Him. The same is true today!

**I Corinthians 3:1-2** Paul rebukes this carnal Christian church for their shallowness of bible truth.

**Hebrews 5:11-14** The writer of Hebrews rebukes these believers for their inability to discern bible doctrine and their lack of understanding good verses evil.

Just like the Old Testament believers, today Christians neglect their bible and become ignorant of Gods precepts, God's power, God's purpose, and God's prophetic program for Israel and the church.

### **Replacements For Neglecting The Bible**

**Luke 10:38-40** Martha chose the routine things of the day, cooking, cleaning, serving and housework over time learning and listening to her Lord and Master. What choices do we make daily over Jesus?

**Luke 12:16-21** Just as they did in the O.T. some choose money and material things over spending time sending treasure and building material ahead to heaven.

**Luke 8:14** Just like Martha, people today give God's word little or no time because they are more interested in the cares and pleasures of this life, Sports, T.V., computer, hobby's, children, friends etc.

### **The Results Of Neglecting The Bible**

**I Timothy 4:16** The context here is that Timothy can keep slipping into sin if he stays in the word of God. Also, though he is saved by studying and learning scripture he might get others saved as well.

**Acts 20:32** Dr. Luke teaches us that if we neglect the bible we cannot be strong and will not receive the inheritance that God wants us to have when we enter heaven.

**Romans 10:17** If we neglect the bible we cannot grow the faith we need to serve God and stay clean.

**I Timothy 4:1** When believers neglect God's word we are open to deception from false teachers.

### **The Remedy For Neglecting The Bible**

**II Timothy 2:15** Get some time to read and study the bible. The study of scripture helps us to know God more, His truths, His love, His power and His will for us.

**Ephesians 6:12-17** The greatest weapon we have to fight the good fight of faith is the word of God.

**Romans 12:1-2** Here is great advice from Paul. Recommit our lives to Christ and start thinking the right things that will help us to conform to Christ, not the world.

**Philippians 4:8** Paul gives this church the thoughts and meditation that will keep us clean and holy and useful for God and for others.