

Preacher's Pen points

Growing in Knowledge of the Word



The Obligation to Grow in Knowledge

As disciples, we all have the obligation and privilege of getting to know God and His will better through study of His revelation. Peter, warning of the dangers presented by false teachers, encouraged the saints to “grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ” as a way of avoiding being misled (2 Peter 3:18). Paul urged Timothy, “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15). There are a number of ways by which we may put these exhortations into practice in our personal lives.

Develop a Personal Study Routine!

There is no substitute for personal encounter with the word of God. The psalm collection is introduced by the presentation of the “blessed” man. The psalmist says about him, “*But his delight is in the Law of the Lord; and in His law he meditates day and night.*” (Ps. 1:2).

I encourage you to arrange for yourself a regular time of Bible study each day. Use it as a time to get more familiar with the whole Bible, to search out answers to personal questions you may have about God’s will, and to increase your confidence in the inspiration and benefit of the Scriptures in guiding your life.

Arrange a Home Bible Study!

If you are a new Christian, it would be especially helpful to have someone to orient you to the life

of a disciple, perhaps giving you a big picture view of the Bible or going over fundamental teachings that all Christians should know. You can ask questions without feeling embarrassed by what you may not know, and you can hear a more thorough discussion of questions that you may have. Your preacher, along with others in the congregation, are eager and willing to provide this kind of study that will give you a “jump start” in your Christian life.

Attend the Church-Provided Studies!

The church seeks to provide ample opportunities for all its members to grow through providing

classes and worship assemblies each week. At Perry Heights you have available for your spiritual growth a preacher who has studied the word since childhood and who has been a gospel preacher for nearly thirty years. That represents tens of thousands of hours of study in the

word of God. In addition, there are numerous mature Christians who have studied over their lifetime thousands of hours and who prepare to teach classes each week for the benefit of their students. Why not avail yourself of this reservoir of knowledge and draw from the experience of those who have spent a great part of their lives studying and teaching the Scriptures?

Enjoy the Benefits of Increased Knowledge!

There is no reason why every Christian cannot be a well-informed disciple and ultimately a capable teacher of others. We just need to get busy growing and helping others to grow! —Johnny

Approximately 49% of our members regularly attend all services of the church. Another 20% attend 2 or more services per week while 20% attend only once each week. Could you attend more than you do?