

Sunday, October 30, 2022

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Title: Abiding Involves Hearing

Series: Abiding in Christ ... 3

Text: John 15:1 - 17, Revelation 19:1 - 21

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to realize the spiritual need to HEAR God's counsel.

Introduction:

- ~ John 15:1 – 17
 - Regular Devotional Times, Part 1 and 2
- ~ Regular Devotional Times Increase Fellowship,
- ~ Regular Devotional Times Ensures Nutrition,
- ~ Regular Devotional Times Equips the Saints to be Overcomers
- ~ Regular Devotional Times Contribute to Godly Character
- ~ Regular Devotional Times Contribute to Blessings,
- ~ Regular Devotional Times Contribute to a Strong Internal Compass

1. Open to the Holy Spirit:

~ Revelation 19:1 – 21, (10) *"Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God." For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."*

Compare with verse 20

~ John 14:16 – 17 and 26, *"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, (17) even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you."*

(26) *"but the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."*

~ 1 Corinthians 2:14, *"The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned."*

~ 2 Peter 1:19 – 21; notice that "the prophetic word" is primarily speaking for the counsel of God and only rarely speaking about future events.

~ 1 Corinthians 1:27 - 31

~ Revelation 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:29, 3:6, 3:13, 3:22
"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

2. Open to Alignment with the Holy Scriptures:

~ Psalm 119:105, *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."*

~ 2 Timothy 2:15, *"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."*

~ 2 Timothy 3:16 – 17, *"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, (17) that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."*

~ Psalm 1:1 – 3, *"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; (2) but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. (3) He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."*

~ SOAP – Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer

3. Open to Godly Counsel:

~ Titus 2:1 – 15, who models Christ for me?

~ 1 Thessalonians 2:7 – 12, being open to Godly counsel involves being accountable

~ Daniel 1:8 – 21, discipleship is a together process

Conclusion:

Hymn: I Will Sing of My Redeemer