

Acts 17:11

These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

Telling a man that he needs to be in the word and pray everyday is like telling a man that he needs to talk to his wife very day. Both should come naturally. Yet how often to you hear from the pulpit or in teachings like this one that you need to be read your bible, and to be in prayer everyday, and not just to say, “Thanks God for this food.”

Think about your favorite movie, and how when it first came out, you talked forever about the movie. But on the other hand you saw a movie that you just hated, and when someone asked you about it, you just say, “It was awful.” With nothing more to say about it.

If you refuse to be in God’s word, or if you have to be told to read God’s word, because He wants to talk to you, and you ignore it, or you’re not even excited to hear from God, you are treating Him and His word like that bad movie. You are pretty much telling God, “*I don’t like your word (the bible) so I’m not going to read it*”. Even going as far as saying in a sense, “*I don’t have time for You Lord*”. Yet you will look at your phone for hours, reading nonsense on social media, watch videos of what, a cat or a dog doing something funny. Maybe you just are not finding God’s word to be “entertaining” enough for you, so you would rather turn to the world for entertainment, rather then spend time with God for guidance and wisdom, as He speaks to you in His word.

If all you said to your spouse was “Good morning” or “Thanks for dinner” everyday and nothing else, what kind of a marriage would you expect to have? Isn’t that the same way you treat the Lord when you don’t get into His word everyday or only pray to say “*Thanks for the grub God.*”? Do you really need to be told to spend time with the Lord? If you do, then is He really Lord of your life? If He is Lord, that means that you put Him first before anything, anyone, or everything. That’s in a sense what Lord mean, it means; first, most important, top priority, over and above all things and all others.

People try and search for creative ways to get into the word and to pray, because they don’t like to read, or for some reason they don’t know what to say in prayer. Once again, for those who say they don’t like to read, let me ask you again, how much time do you spend looking at your phone, reading texts, reading posts on social media, reading to find out about what’s going on with your favorite singer or musician or actor/actress.

So, you can find time to learn about famous people by reading about them, yet you can’t find time to read God’s word and learn about Him? Yes, you can say “ouch” right here, because it should be a “ouch” on your heart, realizing that you have put those of this world before God and you make time for them, but not for God.

Jesus said, ***“But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?”***

Luke 6:46 and if you think about it, the reason you don't do the things He says, is because you are not spending time with Him in His word to even hear what He is saying to you.

This is not a make you feel good, ooey gooey type of devotional today, and it's not meant to be. It's a wake up call for a lot of you that call Jesus Lord, yet you have to be told to spend time with Him, because you have truly made other things and/or people lord over your life, instead of God and Jesus.

You are ALWAYS on God's mind: ***“How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.”*** Psalm 139:17-18

Isn't it time to Love the Lord back, because He first loved you, and to truly make Him Lord of your life by putting Him and His word and prayer first over everything and everybody, everyday!

† **1 John 4:19** *We love Him because He first loved us.*

† **Isaiah 1:18** *Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.*

† **Deuteronomy 4:29** *But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.*

† **1 Chronicles 16:11 (KJV)** *Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.*

† **2 Chronicles 12:14** *And he did evil, because he did not prepare his heart to seek the LORD.*