

Finding God & Yourself in the Bible

Understanding the Bible in Today's World

- A. How different would life be, would the way we face death "be," if we didn't have the Bible?
1. No other text really gets into who God is, the nature and _____ of God, what God is truly like
- B. What is it about the Bible that makes it so special?
1. Through our Bible, God is revealed; and through our Bible, God _____ to us
 - a) of course, we should have our questions; yes, we should not turn a blind eye to the cultural and historical problems that surface in a few passages in the Bible, but bottom line, if you want to know God and hear from God, you can. All you have to do is start reading His Word, starting with the New Testament.
- C. More often than not, in day to day living, we tend to find more _____ things to do than get to know God, hear from God, and listen to God. But, is that the Way to true life?
- D. When push comes to shove, when you set aside all the business and busyness, do you really want to know God & hear from God in everyday life?
- E. The only condition required for you to know God & hear from God in everyday life is that you _____, that you *make a genuine effort*.
- 1) daily devotion = a short period of quiet, quality time with God, where you pray and read some of your Bible
 - 2) *Why should you have a daily devotional?*
 - a) because God is wanting to spend quality time with you and speak to you and provide help, hope, guidance and strength to you for and in everyday life
- F. Is it possible to end the _____ or stress, worry, and frustration *now*?
- 1) perhaps, but it will probably require going about your day in a different way
 - 2) one answer is found in re-centering, getting focused, and remembering what is truly important
- G. Take advantage/hold of the gift of the Bible that God is offering you, because what you will find is quite literally a source of help and hope that can be found nowhere else in the world

Other thoughts?

A. character B. speaks C. important E. try F. cycle