

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Bible Study Mistakes

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Before I discuss a few common Bible study mistakes, remember this: There is no such thing as Bible study until there is Bible reading. A Bible professor was asked once, "What is the best Bible translation?" He said, "The one you'll read." You will never be able to interpret and apply Scripture if you never engage the text on a daily basis.

That said, let's consider a few common mistakes people make when they study the Bible:

(1). *No humility.* When you study God's word, you are listening to divine directives. That task should be approached with great humility. A prideful person

only studies the Bible to find validation; a humble person only studies the Bible so he can be challenged and molded by God.

(2). *No help.* While we know that the best commentary of the Bible is the Bible itself, we are also blessed with many resources that help us understand the Bible better. Concordances, commentaries, lexicons, etc. will greatly enhance your Bible study experience.

(3). *No notes.* You are much more likely to remember something if you write it down. Having a notebook or journal close by as you study will help you reinforce the truths you learn.

(4). *No purpose.* Approach Bible study with a clear objective in mind. Ask yourself several questions before starting the study: Who is speaking? To whom are they speaking? What lesson can I learn from this? How does this passage connect to the life, mission, or character of Jesus?

It is incorrect to say that the Bible is easy to understand. It is better to say that the Bible can be understood by all who endeavor to understand it. And anyone who desires to be saved can open God's word and know for certain what he or she needs to do to contact the blood of Christ.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Congratulations to Wes and Shelby Hovis on the birth of their daughter, Millie Hovis! She weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces at birth.
- We will meet at Coopertown next Sunday night (23rd) to hear Mani Pagidipali, a preacher from India.
- Kristine Garrett began oral treatment for cancer.
- Pray for Robert Williams, Rick Reed, Paula Lee, and

Morning Sermon: "The Cross: The Crucifixion"
Tonight's Sermon: "Shining Light In An Evil World"

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Hayes

Pray: Gupton

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Baker

Serve: D. Demonbreum, Hovis, Smith

Pray: Brown

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A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
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*“Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul.
It is daily admission of one’s weakness. It is bet-
ter in prayer to have a heart without words than
words without heart.”*

Mahatma Gandhi

Proverbs 24:25
“But to those who rebuke the
wicked will be a delight,
and a good blessing will
come upon them.”

*“Do not pray for an easy life, pray for the
strength to endure a difficult one.”*

Bruce Lee

Framing

Hurricane Florence ravaged the parts of North Carolina and South Carolina last week. As is the case every time a natural disaster occurs, The Weather Channel dispatched reporters to the middle of the storm. One reporter was holding the side of his head so he could hear the studio host ask him questions. His knees were bent. He was doing everything in his power to stand up against the 100 MPH winds. But then the camera panned out...and the viewer could see two men casually walking behind the reporter, without any concern for the weather.

This is a perfect example of framing. When the picture only showed the reporter struggling to keep his feet

on the ground, the viewer had a certain opinion of the storm. But when the camera expanded its frame, the viewer had an entirely different opinion.

How do you frame yourself? Do you put a frame around all your faults and weaknesses, or do you choose to put a frame around your positive characteristics? What’s more, how do you frame other people? Or do you see the entire person, both their good and bad characteristics?

Martin Luther King, Jr. said that he wanted to know a world where people would be judged not by color of their skin but by the content of their character. In other words, he wanted the frame to be bigger. As Chris-

tians, we should see man the same way God sees man—as God’s greatest creation, made in His image.

James said it best: “With [our tongue] we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way” (3:8-10). When you put a frame only around someone’s faults, you cannot help but dismiss them and/or demean them. But when you see a person the way God sees him, you will see a soul who needs you to show Jesus to him.

James Hayes
