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“An Epigram of the Bible”

In my reading this week I ran across some epigrams (*an expression*) that dealt with the Bible. I thought they were worth sharing.

George Washington: “It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God.”

John Quincy Adams: “So great is my veneration of the Bible, that the earlier my children begin to read it the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens of their country and respectable members of society.”

Charles Dickens: “The New Testament is the very best book that ever was or ever will be known in the world.”

Andrew Jackson: “That Book, sir, is the rock on which our republic rests.”

Abraham Lincoln: “I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this Book.”

Horace Greeley: “It is impossible to mentally or socially enslave a Bible-reading-people. The principles of the Bible are the groundwork of human freedom.”

Woodrow Wilson: “I ask every man and woman in this audience that from this day on they will realize that part of the destiny of America lies in their daily perusal of this great Book.”

Douglas MacArthur: Believe me, sir, never a night goes by, be I ever so tired, but I read the Word of God before I go to bed.”

Herbert Hoover: “The whole of the inspiration of our civilization springs from the teachings of Christ and the lessons of the Prophets. To read the Bible for these fundamentals is a necessity of American life.”

Dwight D. Eisenhower: “To read the Bible is to take a trip to a fair land where the spirit is strengthened and faith renewed.”

Having read those I thought of a couple of others.

The Apostle Paul: “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”
2 Timothy 3:16-17

The Apostle John: “I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.” Revelation 22:18-19

One I would write. **Warning:** Reading this Book is habit-forming. Regular use causes loss of anxiety, decreased appetite for lying, cheating, stealing, and hating. Symptoms: increased sensations of love, peace, joy and compassion.

If you were writing an epigram, an expression about the Bible, what would you write? What does the Bible mean to you? Could you take it or leave? Would you miss the Bible in any way if taken away, so that you could never read it again? If you spend time in the Word, what would you communicate to others about it? Just a few questions to think about.

Well, just one more. Is there a day that goes by in your life that you don't read from the Bible? Let's ponder on that question.

Love to you all,
Pastor Marty - HOPE Church Raleigh
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HOPE Calendar

Wednesday, February 7

Wednesday Night Supper, Study & Prayer @ 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, February 10

Women of HOPE @ 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 11

Worship Team Rehearsal @ 8:00 a.m.
Worship @ 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time @ 10:50 a.m.
Sunday school @ 11:10 a.m.
Session Mtg. @ 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 14

Happy Valentine's Day

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday Night Supper @ 6:15 p.m.
Ash Wednesday Service @ 7:00 p.m.



Outreach Ministries

"Food of the Month"

for the Raleigh Dream Center Food Pantry

Individual Pop-Top Canned Meat

We have a collection bin in the foyer

HOPE Meal Ministry

Take a meal from the freezer if needed for you or someone else.

TLC Devotion

4th Wednesday each Month @ 11:00 a.m.

Spiritual Growth Ministries

Women of HOPE

Saturday, February 10 @ 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Supper, Study & Prayer Resumes Tonight -

Study: Exodus
Supper @ 6:15 p.m.
Study @ 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Time @ 7:45 p.m.

Menu:

Vegetable Beef Soup, PBJ's, Fruit, Rolls & Dessert

Pray for an Opportunity

HOPE family - Start now praying that God would lead you to invite someone(s) to join you for Easter Worship. Pray specifically for Him to lay on your heart who to ask, when to ask, and then do it. I'm asking each one in our HOPE family to do this. Pray - asking and expecting God to act. ***Easter is March 31st***

Prayer Requests:

Revill & Mary Lane Mallory, Jamie Baldwin, Ron Clifton, Donna Williams, Carol & Colin (Kathy Herriman's Sister & Brother-in-law), Loretta (Sandi Underwood's daughter), Joan Summers, Shelley, Diane Mack's Sister-in-law, Jordan & Cinnamon (son and daughter of Lynn Joyner's family members), Tommy and Billy Lanphere (Lynn Joyner's brothers), Gene & Becky Hale, Ellie Tappan, Dave & Dot Geil, Carlyle and Cynthia Franklin (Sandra Pierce's dad and stepmom), our Military, our Missionaries, our Nation, and the world. If you have those you would like added to our prayer concerns, please email me those names.

HOPE - REBOOT 50 - Days to Vitality

Everyday a Devotion Everyday a Prayer

Join us for our Sunday school time following Fellowship for Discussion on our study this week.

Helping Hands Ministries

Fellowship - February 11
Church is Providing

ProPresenter - February 11
Bill Joyner

Soundboard - February 11
Jane Davis

Live Streaming - February 11
Diane Williams

Communion - February
Dianne Reinoso

Greeter - February 11
Joan Rollinson

Nursery Volunteer - February 11
Volunteer Needed

Scripture Text and Sermon This Sunday

Matthew 28:16 - 20
"The Great Commission - As You Are Going..."

Put on your Calendar

Ash Wednesday Service

February 14th

@ 7:00 p.m.

Supper Served

@ 6:15 p.m.

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Daily Devotions

For This Coming Week

Feb	11	Haggai	2
Feb	12	Zechariah	1
Feb	13	Zechariah	2
Feb	14	Zechariah	3
Feb	15	Zechariah	4
Feb	16	Zechariah	5
Feb	17	Zechariah	6

Quote of the Week

"If you do not walk in the Spirit, you do not have a spiritual gift. Apart from the Spirit, whatever "gifts" we display can only be our natural talents, drawing attention to self."
Henry Blackaby