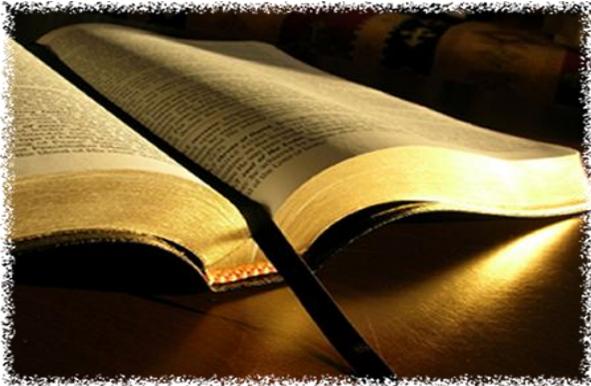


"Tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"-1King 22:16

**A Year in the Life of
A Bible**



January 1- Family made New Year's resolution to read me daily. They began with Matthew chapter one.

January 2, 3, 5, 8- The first few nights of the New Year, and they read me regularly.

January 20- No activity recently.

February 11- Owner used me for a short time. He had been asked to substitute as a Bible class teacher, and needed to look up some verses during breakfast. We went to Bible study, but I was put in car after class, before morning sermon.

February 14- Owner got into an argument about St. Valentine, and paged through me in his car, but couldn't find anything in me about Valentine's Day!

March 7- Spring cleaning going on. I was dusted and put back in my old place, on the shelf. I had been in my owner's car since February 11th.

March 17- Owner got into another argument, about what the Bible says about Lent. He searched me in vain about such "holy" days!

April 20- Grandma here for a visit. I was in her lap all afternoon. She spent most of her time in first Corinthians, chapter 13 and 15.

April 21, 22, 23- Grandma read me every afternoon this week! (It's so nice to be used and appreciated!)

May 4-I have a few green stains on my pages some early spring flowers pressed in me.

June 18- I look like a scrapbook! They have stepped me full of clippings from the newspaper. One of the daughters got married!

June 27- They packed me in a suitcase with clothes and other things. Vacation trip, I guess.

July 5- I'm still in a suitcase, although nearly everything else has been removed. I thought they'd at least take me out on the Lord's Day!

July 11- Home again. Put me back in my old place. Quite a journey, though I do not see why they took me along. I stayed in the suitcase the whole time!

August 10- Read by several family members over a three- day period. Seems they got into family "row" about modesty, lasciviousness, public swimming, etc. Read all they could find about the subject! I never learned what they concluded!

September 29- They use me once today... read from the Psalms. One of them is quite sick. They even had prayer!

September 30- Right now, I am cleaned up and my leather cover has been waxed. I've been placed on display in the center of the coffee table. I think their preacher is coming over.

October 19- I now have lots of company on the coffee table. A comic book, TV Guide, Time magazine on top of me. Wish I were read as much as they are.

November 11- Owner came home from service today... all upset over something the preacher had said. Snatched me up to hunt for a certain verse, but never could find it.

November 22- Family members took turns searching me for Bible passage about Thanksgiving Day. They found a lot about being

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"thankful" and "giving thanks"; but no fourth Thursday.

December 15, 16- Quite a family discussion about when Christ was born. Each one had different ideas! I was read at different times by several of them. They were disappointed when I did not mention the date of Christ's birth!

December 20- Another big family "hassle" over whether a daughter should attend a holiday dance. Various family members combed through my pages, seeking to justify "their position" on the issue. Father of the family finally put his foot down and decreed that no daughter of his was going to a dance!

December 26- Family has new TV set. Shelf space I formerly occupied was needed, so they put me inside a cabinet. Expect to get out... hopefully...around January 1st

-Author Unknown

Don't Stay Away From Worshiping God, Because...



1. Your poor...
There is no admission charge.
2. It rains...
Most of us go to work when it rains; our building doesn't leak.
3. It is hot...
Our building has air conditioning.
4. No one invited you...
We go to other places we are not invited to.
5. You have little children...
We have classes for all ages.
6. You don't like the preacher...
He's human just as you are. You might not like another either.
7. They're hypocrites in the church...

- You associate with hypocrites every day.
8. You have guests in your home...
They will admire you for your loyalty if you go and serve God!
9. You need a weekend vacation...
No one can escape from God.
10. Your clothes are not expensive...
You aren't coming to a fashion show. Consider John the Baptist.
11. Church standards...
Are they any higher than the biblical standard?

Some Sad Situations



1. People that worry more about the economy than the morality of our nation.
2. Full jails and empty Bible classes.
3. A society that is more concerned with material accumulation than spiritual growth. **Things** are more important than **souls**.
4. People with fine clothes and filthy minds.
5. So-called Christians that must be invited and begged to worship God every week.
6. Acres of fine houses and measurable homes.
7. Parents that spends thousands of dollars on their children's secular education and complain about contributing to their spiritual well-being.
8. Children that know more about TV programs than about Jesus Christ's and God's Word.
9. Children that have more money than judgment.
10. A world on its way to hell, and is so unconcerned. -Author Unknown

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