

If you have to see if you can find time to learn God's word, then I think we can safely say it's not the number one priority in your life.

There's not a true hungering and thirsting after righteousness; and it's no to you as a highly prized treasure

Having a Personal sense of our Eternal Destiny!

We make decisions based on who God says we are and where we're headed in the light of eternity.

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Time and Eternity

Doers receive the Crown

Review: Keep an eye on where we're at: Parameters for testings

General elements underlying our thought processes in times of testing

James 1:5-27 (NKJV)
2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

4 But let **patience** 5 if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For he that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord. 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. 9 Let the **lowly brother** glory in his exaltation, 10 but the **rich** in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. 11 For no sower has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass, its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his passions. 12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation, for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. 18 He can will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a fruit of His creatures.

19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be **swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;**

20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

21 Therefore let aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to **save your souls**.

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

He will be a successful disciple

He looks intently, diligently, examines very closely, Bible doctrine. Doctrine is more real to him than any experience any distraction, anything else in life.

Jesus said if you continue in my word then you are my disciples indeed

The Bible is the mirror giving us an objective evaluation of what is going on in our life and soul. What happens dynamically within the soul as we accumulate doctrine is that we develop criteria for evaluation. In terms of analogy, what we have formed within our own soul is a mirror. That mirror is the doctrine that we have that gives us the objectivity to evaluate.

our thinking and our circumstances and situations

so that we can then under the filling of the Holy Spirit draw upon the resources of doctrine stored in our soul and apply the right doctrine to those situations in life.

objectivity | ɒbʒɪk'tɪv | noun the quality of being objective; the place lacking any objectivity.

26 If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. 27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Arrogance contradicts; it is in opposition with humility:

The arrogant believer hears the word of God and chooses to operate from the sin nature. He says "later on after I'm finished!"

1. He always promises himself "I'll obey God as soon as I'm done with this" But something else most certainly comes along and that also has priority over obedience to God; and once again he says "I'll obey God as soon as I'm done with this" and it happens again and again and again, until one day he finds himself to be an old man reflecting back on his life and saying "I wish I would've obeyed God from the beginning, and here I've wasted my whole life on all those frivolous empty things that I valued so much at the time, and yet they lost their value and are now gone a long time ago; and now what do I have?"

In my pursuit for things, **relationships** waned, and those who cared so much about me, who tried so diligently to encourage me, one by one they passed away. I failed to value Their Godly Advice.

And now **eternity** eternity eternity

Arrogance in operation:

1. Self Absorption: your self is the center of your world, everything revolves around you. Whenever anything happens the first response is how it affects you, it's all about what you like and what you dislike. The more self-absorbed you are the less you will realize it.

2. Self Justification: The self-absorbed individual has convinced himself of his own rectitude when anything happens it's never his fault or his responsibility.

3. Self-Deception The longer you stay under the dominance of the sin nature, the deeper you plunge into the bondage of this cycle of arrogance. And your blindness increases to actual reality. You develop your own human viewpoint religious reality.

Because you have to feel good about yourself

He loses objectivity. Objectivity only comes through learning doctrine and applying it. The only way to break out of that pattern is through the word of God. Jesus said: John 8:32 (NKJV) 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

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rectitude | ˈrɛktɪtʊd | noun moral or correct behavior or thinking; righteousness. Modesty is a model of rectitude.

Ezekiel 33:31-32 (NKJV)
31 So they come to you as people do, they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them, for with their mouth they show much love, but their hearts pursue their own gain. 32 Indeed you are to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not do them.

1 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)
18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.

The reward is for those who do God's word

Revelation 22:5-14 (NKJV)
5 Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place. 7 "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." 8 Now I, John, saw and heard these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things. 9 Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God." 10 And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. 11 He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still." 12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work." 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last." 14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

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