

COMING IN 2011...

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ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE NEW YEAR

The Scripture Challenge

As a steady churchgoer or someone who may pray often, you may wonder why you need to read the Bible.

Simply, the Bible is God's Word to us. There are so many questions that philosophers have asked that God answers for us in Scripture. What is the purpose to life? Where did I come from? Is there life after death? How do I get to heaven? Why is the world full of evil? Why do I struggle to do good?

In addition to these "big" questions, the Bible gives much practical advice in areas such as: What do I look for in a mate? How can I have a successful marriage? How can I be a good friend? How can I be a good parent? What is success and how do I achieve it? How can I change? What really matters in life?

God's revealed Word, the Bible, is so important that Jesus said of it, "Man does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). In other words, if we want to live life to the fullest, as God intended, we must listen to and heed His written Word.

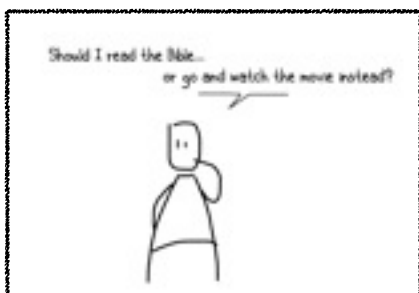
Will you accept the Scripture Challenge?



Read the Bible in a Year!

Most people who have a great relationship with God read the Bible consistently. Spending time in Scripture each day gives you the opportunity to hear from God in a unique way.

Allow yourself to be spiritually challenged and uplifted through God's Holy Word; It brings power, healing, direction, and freedom.



Common excuses as to why we don't read our Bibles daily are that we are too busy, or work, school, or studying gets in the way. Perhaps we just want to relax and do something entertaining, *but remember...*



Take comfort in knowing that in the long run, your relationship with Jesus will be strengthened by this daily act, more than any TV show, or computer or video game, and your spirituality will be renewed. Say "YES!" to the challenge!



Each day of the calendar year includes a scripture reading. It could be anything from several verses to a full chapter.