



Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM

7:00 PM

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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Too Much of the Word?

Is it possible for us to have too much of the word? Sometimes Christians will rationalize and say, "If we have too much Bible, we will choke ourselves." That concept is foreign in Scripture. In the Old Testament, God required His people to remind their children about His commands on a daily basis and they were to immerse their children in the teachings of God throughout the day (Deut. 6:4-9). Imagine a Hebrew child telling his parents, "Mom, Dad, you are shoving too much Bible down my throat!" This was not something the parents devised, this was the plan of God to transfer His commands from parents to children (Deut. 6:1).

The church would be much stronger today if every home and every congregation would adopt the mind-set that we will provide superfluous opportunities to teach, transmit, and discuss the word of God. God's word can never be taught too much. As the people of God we need to develop a hunger and thirst after righteousness (Matt. 5:6). It is a spiritual craving that only God and His word can satisfy within us. We know and understand how important God's word is for our lives, yet we will try to fill the void in our lives with everything but the precious word of the Lord.

Events like Polishing the Pulpit and brotherhood lectureships are great opportunities to "feast" on the word of God. From early in the morning to late at night, opportunities abound at these events to hear relevant topics from the word of God. My question is, "Why do we have to wait for a lectureship or an event like PTP to feast on the word?" Local congregations of God's people need to develop spiritual feasting opportunities for their members. Imagine if a local congregation had daily

opportunities for its members to hear and interact with the word of God. We have capabilities today to make spiritual feasting like this possible. Capable teachers could present relevant topics to help Christians grow and mature; the use of videos and DVD's could be used to present different lessons for members of the church; local preachers and elders and their wives could conduct and teach workshops, seminars, and classes for congregations, and the list could go on and on.

We can never have too much of the word... why not put it to the test and see how positively it could impact our lives, our homes, and our congregations?
K.A. Pugh

Have you noticed how large birds, such as hawks and eagles, glide so peacefully through the air? It seems that they do so effortlessly. They use the very winds that could obstruct them to glide effortlessly across the sky. God is always looking after the birds of the heaven (Matthew 6:26).

God advises that we put our trust in Him. In doing so, we, too, might have peace. For He is ever with us to help us deal with the stormy winds of life that cause so much grief and anxiety (Matthew 6:34).

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD! Ps 27:14 ESV

To "wait for the Lord" indicates trusting in Him. Do that today and you can take courage in whatever happens. You will find peace each day. TLM

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