

Loving Law

Do You Enjoying Reading Your Bible?

The Psalmist in Psalm 119:97: "Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day." Is Bible reading a chore or a bore for you? Many do not love God or his word (John 5:42; 2 Thessalonians 2:10-11). Bible reading should be an enjoyment (Psa. 119:14, 16, 24, 35, 47, 48, 70, 77, 92, 97, 113, 119, 127, 140, 143, 159, 162, 163, 167, 174)

How can I enjoy my Bible?

- First, appreciate what is in your Bible, God's word (Psa. 119:43, 142, 151, 160).
- Second, focus on the daily benefits of Bible reading (Psa. 119:9-11, 98-100, 105).
- Third, read to discover wonderful new things (Psa. 119:18, 27, 129).
- Fourth, read what connects to your life (Psa. 119:1-8).
- Fifth, reflect on your Bible reading when you are done (Psa. 119:15, 23, 27, 48, 78, 97, 99, 148).
- Chris Reeves -

Sentence Sermons

- You will never be forgotten by the One who will never forget you.
- Self-righteousness is never right.
- Like a snake, you can never straighten out sin except by killing it.
- Alcohol is a depressant, both physically and spiritually.
- Daily cross-bearing will lead you to eternal crown-bearing.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Never Give Up!

There are times in life when we all feel like giving up. Some want to give up on work, on school, on marriage, on God, and on life itself. Hard times, both physically and spiritually, can cause all kinds of people to give up.

I'm here to tell you that is not what is best for you. What is best for you is to endure all the way to the end of your life. Friend, as has been said by others, "Go over, go under, go around, or go through, but never give up!"

The Devil Wants You to Give Up

The Devil doesn't care about what is best for you. He wants you to quit. He wants you to give up. He wanted Job to give up and quit and he tried to do it by causing him to suffer (Job 2:6-7,9). He tries to get people to quit because of tribulation (Luke 8:12). He's like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour (1 Peter 5:8).

Activities Requiring Endurance

Just like there are activities in life that require endurance, so living the Christian life requires endurance. For example, Christian living is like farming. You plant seed and you will reap if you do not faint (Galatians 6:9; James

5:7). Christians living is like running a race. You have to run with patience and self-discipline in order to receive the prize (1 Corinthians 9:25-27; Hebrews 12:1-2). Christian living is like fighting a battle. You have to stay focused on your mission in order to win the conflict (2 Timothy 2:3; 4:8; Revelation 2:7, 11; etc.).



Areas of Endurance

What are some areas of endurance where we need to keep going and never give up? Sinners who need to be coming to Jesus should never give until they get to him (Luke 13:22-23). Disciples who are following Jesus should never give up after they start following him (John 6:66). Those who are engaged in Bible study should never give up searching the scriptures

(Acts 17:11-12; 1 Timothy 4:12-16). Those who are in a marriage or parenting relationship should never give up on the ones they love (Ephesians 5:22 – 6:4). Those who are in leadership roles should never give up as they are guiding God's people to heaven (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Hebrews 11:27).

There are other areas of our life where we need endurance to never give up - areas like service (1 Timothy 3:8-13), preaching (2 Timothy 1:8; 4:3-5), personal struggles (Luke 22:31; 1 Corinthians 10:13; James 1:3-4, 12), persecution (Romans 5:3-4; 12:12; 2 Thessalonians 1:4; 2 Timothy 2:10, 12; 3:11; Hebrews 10:32, 36, 39; 12:2-7; 1 Peter 2:19-20; Revelation 2:10), unity with brethren (Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13), abstaining from worldliness (Revelation 13:10; 14:12), combating error (Revelation 2:2-3), and growing to spiritual maturity (Revelation 2:19).

Never Give Up

God does not give up on us! So, let us not give up on him! Good things come to those who never give up (Luke 8:15; Romans 2:17; 8:25; James 1:12). Friend, go over, go under, go around, or go through, but never give up. - Chris Reeves