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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

The Reading Of God's Word

Reading is fundamental. One of the greatest ways of becoming a great reader is to practice the art of reading. Practicing this, one will learn how to read without stumbling and will learn how to pronounce difficult words. All this is good, but then we also want to be able to retain what we have read. It is useless to read, when you have no knowledge behind it. With knowledge, it should help you in your everyday walk in life. After retaining the knowledge through studying, then we want to apply the knowledge that we have read by demonstrating what we have learned. The greatest book to perform these actions with, is no other than the **BIBLE**. This is not a trick statement to get you to read God's word! In **Ecclesiastes 12:12**, King Solomon warns us that the writing of many books is endless and the excessive devotion to secular literature can be dangerous. Most children start reading story books such as; The Three Little Pigs, Jack and Jill and Little Red Riding Hood. This is great, but we should also take time to teach them to read verses in the bible and explain to them what they have read. In order to perform this task, we must first be partakers.

The next question is what are you reading? How is it helping you in your everyday walk of life? Do you spend a lot of time looking at pictures? Are you interested in reading God's word or is it more important to read, study and apply what man has written? All books that man has written are not bad at all. However, the greatest book ever is the **B-I-B-L-E!** The apostle Paul tells us in **II Timothy 3:16-17**, "that all scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work". Man can only give you his opinion. God gives you the true and complete package!

If you are not doing so, begin reading God's word. Stop reading books for your own entertainment purposes! It is the very way the devil will mess God's people up! He wants your focus on anything but God! There will come a time when people will not be able to get to God's word just as it happened in the book of Amos.

God has instructed me to tell you to begin this week and continue every week after on reading His word. (Get your family involved).

SCRIPTURE READING

1 CORINTHIANS 15:33

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If you entertain them, you'll become a vital part of the entertainment.

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