

Bible Reading is Destructive

Introduction

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:9-13

1. We are commanded to read and study the word.

Psalms 1:1-3

1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and **always be ready to give a defense to everyone** who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

A. The Bible is given to us for instruction and learning.

John 6:44 No one can come to Me **unless the Father who sent Me draws him**; and I will raise him up at the last day.

1) When He says "DRAWS" him he means by love and not by force.

2. Why was the Bible revealed to us?

1 Corinthians 2:9-13

Ephesians 3:1-5

3. It directs in all we need.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for **doctrine**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, for **instruction in righteousness**, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

A. We can see from scripture that it teaches right and wrong.

4. So why is the Bible destructive? It is destructive because it does some tearing down and destroying.

Jeremiah 23:29 "Is not My word like a fire?" says the LORD, "And **like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?**

Matthew 10:34 "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace **but a sword.**

A. This is good and necessary.

Ephesians 4:22-24

b. There are some that say "The truth hurts", should it? No. It should be the wrong that hurts. Truth exposes the wrong and the wrong being exposed is what hurts!

5. Let's notice some destructive work of God's word.

It Destroys False Teaching

1. The word is the source of truth and right. Error is exposed when the word is used!

John 12:48-49

A. It must be followed.

1 Peter 4:11

Philippians 1:27 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, **with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,**

2. Some pervert the word and teach something else.**A. Those people are warned.****Galatians 1:6-9**

- 1) Again - the word accursed is the greek word ANATHEMA meaning divine condemnation.

1 Timothy 4:1-2

3. The word destroys false teaching.

Jeremiah 1:9

2 Timothy 4:1-2**A. We should learn the truth to convince those who contradict.**

Titus 1:9 holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, **by sound doctrine**, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

- 1) The word contradict is “gainsayers” in the KJV and it means to “go against” or “to oppose.”

4. Let's look at couple of examples on how the Bible destroys false teaching.**A. Salvation is by faith only.****James 2:21-24**

- 1) Our works perfect our faith!

B. The Impossibility of apostasy.

- 1) Apostasy is a religious defection. Some believe that “once we are saved, then we are always saved.”

2 Peter 3:17**Galatians 5:4** (“you have fallen from grace”)

It Destroys Human Organizations

1. The Church is divine - it is composed of the saved.

Matthew 16:18

Acts 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

2. Men have created human organizations to do the work of the church.

A. Not all human organizations are wrong, but they are when they replace the church.

Matthew 15:8-9

B. Beware of false teaching and man-made churches.

C. False teachers are just as wrong in the church.

Acts 20:28-30

3. Christ's law and His church are sufficient for all that God intended.

4. His word destroys all these human organizations that would take the place of the divine.

Matthew 15:13 But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted."

It Destroys Sinful Practices

1. The word of God shows right and wrong and directs our practices.

2 Peter 1:3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

Philippians 1:27 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,

A. A traffic sign may display "Right turn only." What does this mean?

Romans 7:7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "YOU SHALL NOT COVET."

1) We must follow it. 1 Corinthians 15:58

Romans 12:9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.

2. The word of God lays open the sinner's heart and convicts one of sin.

Acts 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

3. **As we practice it, we will turn away from sinful practices and follow that which is right.**

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Psalms 119:104 **Through Your precepts** I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

Conclusion

1. **Yes, Bible reading is destructive but all of this destructive work is necessary. It must be done in order for constructive work to be done.**
Romans 6:3-6
 - A. **We need to study His word and to learn what to tear down and what to build up** (Ecclesiastes 3:3).
2. **Let us learn and follow the teaching of Christ.**

Hebrews 5:9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation **to all who obey Him**,

