

“Using Our Bible in the New Year”

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“Another Bible has been given to us!” My wife complained, and continued to show me a VERY HUGE white family Bible coming into our possession after the latest funeral. People seem to want to give Bibles to the local minister, ones that have been lying around their houses, as if he is the one who can use an extra Bible. My home, office and church have been filled with Bibles, old and new, of all translations. As we get opportunity we do give them away to folks requesting a Bible. But sometimes we feel like we are the Bible dumping grounds.

Of the personal Bibles I use everyday, I can number only four in my lifetime: 1) A Bible given to me by my parents on my third birthday; 2) A Scofield Study Bible given to me by my dad on my 17th birthday; 3) A Ryrie Study Bible given to me by members of my church after my ordination (at age 36); and 4) A New King James Version larger print I carry into the pulpit with me most of the time. Though still readable, these four Bibles are completely worn out from daily use. Following a Bible reading calendar, I have read through the Scriptures entirely at least 48 times! I still have all four personal Bibles. They each have a lot of miles on them plus duct tape.



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It is true that the Bible is the biggest selling book in the world. Most folks in America have at least one Bible in their home. But, sad to say, though it is a common appearance in our homes it is seldom read. We hope and pray for changes in our families, our schools, our cities and our nation. Yet we let our Bibles (God’s one and only owner’s manual) gather dust on the shelf.

In Deuteronomy 6, the last words that God gave to Moses (at age 120) near the end of 40 years of leadership, there are principles to be applied that will guarantee success to his generation and the ones to come to the present day:

1. The Word of God must be in our hearts. *“And these words, which I command you this day, shall be in your heart” -Deut. 6:6.* There are many promises associated with loving God and His Word, listed in those early verses of this chapter. But we must acknowledge that there is a radical difference between a *head* belief and a *heart* belief. Our salvation and even our very life depends on our trust in God’s word with out whole heart. We cannot teach them to others with passion unless we have them in our hearts first.

2. The Word of God must be taught to our children. *“And you shall teach them diligently unto your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up” -Deut. 6:7.* Parenting is more than a biological connection. We are to teach our children God’s Word and demonstrate to them the principles contained therein. This command was given to Moses, and he passed it down to God’s chosen people. The book of Judges records the results of failure of the same people to carry on the instruction to their children two to three generations later. We should learn from the devastating consequences of their disobedience resulting in failure, bondage and the weakening of the nation.

3. The word of God must be spoken daily. *“...shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up” -Deut. 6:7b.* We should be communicating the Word of God constantly in our lives in our houses (family time) during our travel (walk), when we go to bed, and when we rise from our sleep. Our children should observe our reverence for God’s Word and our neighbors as well. Let our sentences be punctuated with God’s Word!

4. The Word of God must be carried with us in written form. *“And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes” -Deut. 6:8.* Even in the present day orthodox Jewish men pray, wearing a head band with parts of the Scriptures tucked away in a small pouch nestled in the middle of the forehead. This demonstrates a *literal* obedience to this command of God. But wouldn’t it be far better if we studied and obeyed the word of God so that its precepts guide our thoughts, eyes and hands? Amen! But let us keep the Word of God (our Bibles and good gospel tracts) close to us daily so we can study and make reference to the Scriptures.

5. The Word of God must be shared (written) by us wherever possible. *“And you shall write them upon the posts of your house and on your gates” Deut. 6:9.* Jewish households have a small wooden or metal box attached to the upper door frame. Inhabitants and visitors can reach up and rub this box out of respect for the Scriptures. We can use a well placed gospel sign on our car, our house or property, or our mailboxes. Put Scripture reference in our greeting cards or our letters. Knowing and obeying the Scriptures has eternal benefits.

So grab a Bible Reading Calendar and read your Bible through this year! This is a great way to start and the finish every year of our lives!

The Lighter Side... More Humorous Military Air Force & Test Pilot Quotes:

'If you hear me yell: "Eject, Eject, Eject!", the last two will be echoes.' If you stop to ask "Why?" you'll be talking to yourself, because by then you will be the pilot.' -Pre-flight Briefing from a Canadian F104 Pilot-
'Flying the airplane is more important than radioing your plight to a person on the ground incapable of understanding or doing anything about it.'
-Emergency Checklist-

'There is no reason to fly through a thunderstorm in peacetime.' -Sign over Squadron Ops Desk at Davis-Montham AFB , AZ-

'Without ammunition, the Air Force is just an expensive flying club.' -Unknown Author-

'Airspeed, altitude and brains - Two are always needed to successfully complete the flight.'
-Basic Flight Training Manual-

'The Piper Cub is the safest airplane in the world; it can just barely kill you.'
- Attributed to Max Stanley (Northrop test pilot) -



Pizza Dip

Great for any New Year’s Eve Party!

- 8 oz. Cream Cheese
- 1 tsp. Italian Seasoning
- 2 cups Shredded Mozzarella Cheese
- ¾ cup Parmesan Cheese
- 8 oz. jar of Pizza Sauce

Mix room temperature Cream Cheese and Italian Seasoning together. Spread mixture into the bottom of an 8 X 8 casserole dish. Top with half of the Mozzarella and Parmesan Cheese. Pour the Pizza Sauce on top of the cheese. Then top it with the remaining cheese, and sprinkle with a bit more of the Italian Seasoning. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Serve with Crackers or Nachos.

It is that easy! And Delicious!

Submitted by: Andrea’s Country Home Cooking
- Buchanan Baptist Church, Linden, PA



Cold, Slippery Weather Hints:

When walking on ice, don't pick up your feet. Shuffle your steps which will prevent falls.

When faced with a choice of walking on snow or on ice, choose snow. You'll get better traction.

Beware of light snow covering up ice. It can be very slippery.

When exiting your car, turn 90 degrees in your seat and plant both feet on the ground before rising from your seat. You will get much better footing.

Beware of snow melting on your house roof, which can freeze overnight, especially outside your back door. You might be looking skyward.

When walking in winter over wet or slippery pavement, do not put your hands into your coat pocket. You may need your arms to catch yourself in case of a slip or fall, to not land on your head.

Don't let your hard earned life-savings go into a probate bureaucracy! Leave a legacy for your family & favourite ministries. When planning a legacy, give Terry Balko a call at 404-229-1645 or email Mr. Balko for forms and details at terry@terrybalko.com. NOT PLANNING is a plan, but it is NOT a very good plan! Yes!

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"A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another." - John 13:34

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January Itinerary***

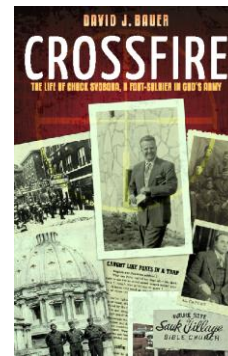


- Jan. 5 8:00 a.m Parker Road Bible Church, Mokena, IL Men's Breakfast
- Jan. 13 9:30 a.m. Devon Church, Chicago, IL
- Jan. 17 9:00 a.m. Windsor Park, Carol Stream, IL Men's Breakfast
- Jan. 17 12:00 Noon Pacific Garden Mission, Chicago, IL

'The song of churches set in their divisive ways, refusing Godly counsel: "You split the one next to you and I'll split the one next to me, in all kinds of weather we'll split together."

A good thing to remember, a better thing to do:
Work with the construction gang,
Not with the wrecking crew.

A way to win church fights is to give in to the Holy Spirit.' Dr. Chuck Svoboda, "Who Would Believe It?" pp. 22-23



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BRM Field Report #1

It has been a busy end of the year, with us visiting a lot of churches and fielding calls from church members undergoing testing times.

We received a call from a church leader who was desperate for our help right before Christmas. The church leadership has been so involved in discipline issues that they have no time for other matters. Outreach and evangelism plans are at a standstill. We recognize that this can happen when the strife is unmanageable; the board may get fatigued and ministry of the church can come to a standstill.

Several churches in Illinois and in Indiana are looking for pastoral candidates. Young pastoral hopefuls are hard to find these days. Young men coming out of Bible College or seminaries are ill prepared for pastoral ministry. Unless a pastoral candidate has served under a senior pastor for a couple years, he will probably fail in his first bid at the pastorate. Though there are exceptions to this rule, they are rare for sure.

But in addition these days, there are fewer young men coming out of Bible colleges who are aspiring to go into the pastorate. If we couple this with the failure rate, it translates to less available young men. There are older pastors who send us their resumes frequently, as they become available for service. Perhaps this may open new opportunities for pastors in their 50's and 60's, who have had a lot of experience in church ministry? Hmm...

The Bible tells us that *"in the Last Days perilous times will come"* -2 Timothy 3:1. Friends, we are in those days, seeing folks with more time saving devices than any generation, yet no time for God. Those who attend a one hour Sunday service are counted as "the faithful," yet this is a mere 1/168th of our weekly time. No wonder we have a shortage of true spiritual giants and our church leaders are crippled with the priority of problems rather than doing the Great Commission! Pray for our team and the ongoing ministry of keeping church doors open!

Sincerely,

Rev. David J. Bauer -Titus 2:11-13