

DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of March 15, 2026
"Youth Ministry"
TRAINING

Sunday.....Read Proverbs 22:1-6

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." We read here about the importance of training children in the ways of God while they are young. Those children who have parents who train them in the ways of God have a huge advantage in these formative years of their lives. What are the ways of the Lord? It begins with knowing who the Lord is. Our Lord is Jesus, God the Son. To know Jesus means we have to know God the Father. Receiving Jesus as Savior is the first step in knowing God. That means the Holy Spirit indwells the individual. The Spirit provides the power for the child to have the light and be the light in this dark world!

CHILDREN

Monday..... Read Psalm 127:1-6

"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward." The psalmist mentions that children are a reward God gives to the parents. They are God's heritage, the way God works from generation to *generation*. The American heritage is a life of political freedom. The heritage of God is a life of spiritual freedom. That is freedom from the darkness of the world mentioned in John 1:5: *"And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."* The will of God is that parents, by example and by teaching, share God's truth so the family can be a light for God in the community where they live.

TuesdayRead Matthew 28:18-20

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." The most important teaching any child can receive is to learn the commands of God. That means a knowledge of the Scripture. In the formative years of our nation, teaching the Bible was paramount. Universities required professors to be true Christians. Public schools began the day with prayer and Bible reading, a practice used in our Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. Unfortunately,

that practice of beginning the school day with Bible reading and prayer was declared unconstitutional. Our children were the losers!

TRUTH

Wednesday..... Read John 17:15-20

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." Eternal truth is that which is recorded in the Bible, God's Holy Word. It starts in Genesis with the creation of heaven and earth and all that is therein. It mentions that man is a triune being, made in the image of God. Each of us is a body, soul, and spirit. The truth is, we are born with a dead spirit because of the sin of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. All babies are born then with an eternal soul, a living body for physical life, and a dead spirit that must be regenerated. We read of the regeneration of the Spirit, what Jesus called being born again, in Titus 3:5: *"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."*

EXAMPLE

Thursday Read I Timothy 4:10-14

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." This may well be the most important instruction for our young people. Those young years can be most valuable, but only in so far as an individual is an example of Christian living. The most important instruction for children is Ephesians 6:1-2: *"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise."* By obeying parents and honoring parents, children bring joy to God. Obeying is doing what parents say. Honoring parents is doing what pleases parents without being told. In so doing, the child and teenager is doing what God says when He says, "Be an example."

CARING

Friday Read Philippians 2:1-4

"Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." One of the great lessons for our youth to learn is to care for others. A self-centered life is a very limited life. Caring for others is a very fulfilling life. God promised to meet our needs as mentioned in Philippians 4:19: *"But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."* That assurance allows us to be used of God to help meet the social and spiritual needs of others. It starts in the family. If a young person is concerned about parents and siblings and is an example of the Christian life, that family is greatly enriched. How great it is then if the boy or girl is an example of the Christian life in the neighborhood and at school and in church!

SERVING

Saturday..... Read Romans 12:8-12

"Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." The life of serving others is a life well-spent! Jesus set the example for us with these words in Matthew 20:28: *"Even as*

the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." When you are used by God to meet the needs of other people, there is a great inner joy that brings fulfillment. Think of the many Biblical examples of how our Lord helped others by meeting their needs. What an example! When God uses us to do that, it is being what Jesus told us to be with these words in Matthew 5:14: "*Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.*"