Read My Bible

Mark Roberts · Psalm 19:7–10

INTRODUCTION

- The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul. The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.
- One survey by the Library of Congress said that less than 13% of professing Christians read their Bible daily.
- I want to talk about a commitment to read God's word every day because that's what I want to do.

1 Get Rid of All the Excuses

Ephesians 5:15–16; Proverbs 26:17; Proverbs 27:15

- We will absolutely have to get rid of all the excuses we use why we're not reading the Bible.
- We want to make the best use of time because the days are evil.
- We make time for what we want to do. Why is it that we'll read the Bible for money or an automobile, and we won't read the Bible to save our eternal soul?
- The Bible was written to common people. And the vast majority of what God's word has for us is easily accessible by any and all of us.
- What are we doing when we read the Bible? We're spending time with God.
- The Bible shares with us the very thoughts of God Himself.

2 Focus on the Benefits of Reading God's Word

Psalm 119:105; Luke 4; Matthew 4

- Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
- When you read your Bible, you come to know the Lord better.
- You want to know the Lord? You'll have to read his book. That's the bottom line. It is his chief channel of communication.
- Three times the devil presents temptation to Jesus. What does Jesus do with that every single time? It is written.
- If I read God's word, I'm going to grow as a Christian.
- I cannot believe how it remolded and changed and grew me. I never thought I'd be an elder in the people of God. But I am. Because God's word is powerful.

3 You'll Need a Plan

Mark 4:1–10

- We're going to read our Bibles for 20 minutes. Twenty minutes a day, that's all it takes.
- We're going to start with a desire to learn. This is what I call the intentional learner concept.
- We are reading the Bible because we want to know the Lord and we want to know his will.

- When he was alone, those around him with the 12 asked him about the parable.
- We're gonna start in prayer. We're gonna say, Lord, I'm here to read your word. Bless me to learn what you are saying today through your living and abiding word for my life.
- We've got to make this into a regular habit.

MY NOTES