

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – January February 4th – 9th
Doing Life Together – 3D Life

MONDAY:

KEY VERSE: Proverbs 4:23

OBSERVATION: Proverbs 4:23 contains the unusual command, "guard your heart." You may ask what is so unusual about this often-quoted verse. It is unusual because Solomon said to guard your heart "above all else." This phrase communicates both intensity and priority. We know that Bible study, prayer, are priorities, but most fail to take care of their hearts. We falsely assume that taking care of your heart is selfish instead of recognizing that we need healthy hearts for effective ministry.

TUESDAY:

KEY VERSE: Hebrews 3:12-13

OBSERVATION: Hebrews 3:12-13 describes a strategy for not "falling away from the faith." After revealing the possibility of falling, the text says to encourage one another daily so that your heart does not become hardened. Notice the daily expectation and the dual effect of encouragement. The one who receives encouragement is strengthened, and the one providing encouragement keeps his own heart sensitive to the call of God upon his life. Jesus taught us to treat others the way we want to be treated. If you need a word of encouragement, then speak a word to someone else.

WEDNESDAY:

KEY VERSE: 2 Samuel 11:1

OBSERVATION: David had his mighty men and a core group called "The Three." When he fell into sin with Bathsheba, he was alone. His friends were away in battle, which is where David should have been (see 2 Sam.11). Jesus chose twelve men that he called "his friends." Paul knew the importance of not attempting ministry alone. His letters are filled with the names of men that he called "partners in the gospel." Guarding, encouraging, and fellowshiping do not comprise an exhaustive list of all the things we can do to protect our ministry and our family. However, by adding these three disciplines to Bible study and prayer, you can "keep ablaze the gift of God that is in you" (2 Tim. 1:6).

THURSDAY:

KEY VERSE: Mark 12:30

OBSERVATION: We are called to love Him with all of our heart. When you love someone with all of your heart, you think about them almost all of the time. You long to be with them. They're the priority in your life. And to love God with all your heart is the same. It means that your heart is devoted to Him. It means that you are faithful to Him. He becomes the most important thing in your life.

FRIDAY:

KEY VERSE: Colossians 3:17

OBSERVATION: You can believe what you want in the most atheistic society in the world. But if you believe in Jesus, and you believe what the Bible teaches then you should be doing what it teaches as well.

SATURDAY:

KEY VERSE: 2 Chronicles 12:14

OBSERVATION: We must prepare our heart to seek the Lord. 1st Kings 15:3 tells us that King Jeroboam walked in the sins of his father, because his heart was not loyal to the Lord. We must surrender our lives to the Lord without any strings attached. Listen, if you're a Christian and you've got a passion for God, then you need to keep that fire burning, you have to abide in Christ and walk with Him daily.