

I Study My Bible Like I Plow My Field

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A farmer explained: "I study my Bible like I plow my field. Often-times when I'm plowing or breaking new ground, my plow will get hung under a root, and if I'm going at a pretty good clip it will really jar me. But I don't get mad and beat my mule and burn my plow. No, I just back up a little, ease over the root and get on with my plowing. Next time around I'll probably hit that root again and it still shakes me up, but I don't quit farming. I just back up, ease over the root and keep on working. Pretty soon I have hit that root so many times that it's loose and the first thing you know I plow right through it and don't even notice it. I've got it shook loose. That's the way I study the Bible. When I come upon a hard passage, it might shake me up a little bit, but I don't throw away my Bible and quit the Lord on that account. I just ease over it and keep on studying. The next time I read that passage I jar it a little bit more. I keep on doing this until finally, because of information that I have gathered from other parts of the Bible I am able to jar the passage loose. I understand it."

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Attending church services regularly is like making a path through the forest: the more often you use it, the less obstruction you find in the way."

Sunday Worship:

9:30 am Bible Study

10:20 am Worship

12:30 pm Afternoon

Wednesday Night

7:pm

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You Didn't Say "Not To"

by Carey Scott

Remember when you were young and you were sent to the store for a particular item? When you got home with that item and some other goodies, you were challenged as to why you bought more than that one item. You answered; "You didn't say not to". This was met with a strong reprimand (and usually some physical reinforcement) and you soon learned that when you were given a specific command or task, you were to obey that one and only command.

Can you imagine the pharmacists adding some ingredients to your medicine and saying that your doctor did not say "not to" add this? Can you picture the response a soldier would get from his sergeant if he did something and replied that the sergeant did not say "not to"? What if you order a cake with red frosting from the bakery, and it arrives with red, white, and blue frosting. Would you accept an answer from the baker that you didn't say "not to" add the blue and white frosting?

Such explanations are not likely to be tolerated anywhere in most any circumstance. But why do people do things religiously and use this same excuse? They do something and when questioned, they reply something like: "Well, the Bible doesn't say NOT to do this" This lame excuse is not tolerated in our world, so why should we expect God to tolerate such a lame excuse? God has told us what to do and how to do it in the words of the Bible. Doing something that is not authorized or written in the Bible is the same as adding to the word, and the addition of God's word is a sin that deserves punishment. Sometimes God has spoken and we just neglect to do it or we determine for ourselves that it is not necessary. [Deuteronomy 4:2](#) reads: "*You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you*"

Why not just follow the Bible and stop using lame excuses in your spiritual journey? Let us help you.

You must believe that Jesus is the Son of God and died on the cross for your sins. ([Acts 8:37](#)). You must repent of your sins ([Luke 13:3](#)) you must confess Jesus as Lord ([Matthew 10:32](#)) and you must be baptized for the remission of your sins ([Acts 2:38](#); [22:16](#)). Then you must remain faithful and continue learning ([II Peter 3:18](#)). Let us help you on your spiritual journey. May God bless you in your study of His word.

Those to Serve

(B) Calvin Burks (FV) Keith Stifflemire
(O) Doug Pruet (A) Jack Wall
1st prayer Vernon Houts
2nd prayer Kyle Stifflemire
Announcements: Mike Mallett
Singing: Judd Wall

Prayer List:

Letha Sheldon
Mildred Lovell
Janese Lancaster
Ruby Jones
Loyd Crownover
Pray for our Nation
Our Troops
Law Enforcement
Rescue Personal

Happy Birthday

Cassidy Stapp June 2nd
Loyd Crownover June 5th
Jeret Burks June 7th
Mike Lovell July 16th

Happy Anniversary

June 14th
Will & Autumn Varr

Dates to Remember

June 4
Mission Fund
June 14th
Flag Day
June 18th
Father's Day
June 28th
First Day of Summer

Confusing Password

I was in a couple's home trying to fix their Internet connection. The husband called out to his wife in the other room for the computer password. "Start with a capital S, then 123," she shouted back. We tried S123 several times, but it didn't work. So we called the wife in. As she input the password, she muttered, "I really don't know what's so difficult about typing Start123."