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Our Memory Verse

"But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

—Psalm 1:2—



STRAIGHT FROM THE BELOVED PASTOR'S HEART

THE DYNAMICS OF MBBE MINISTRIES **LESSON NO. 41 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BELIEVERS IN THE WORD OF GOD**

Key Verses for our reference in this lesson include: Matthew 24:35, Proverbs 22:20-21 and Psalm 1:2. Why do you think there is a need to get all believers established in

the Word of God?

Primary Objectives of the New Testament Ekklesias. All believers must understand and become doers of these three major objectives given by the Lord to His Ekklesia:

1. **Missions**—"That ye should go;"
2. **Evangelism**—"Bring forth fruit;" and
3. **Discipleship**—"That your fruits should remain."

Discipleship—is one vital ministry of our ekklesia that is designed to help a new believer understand and apply in his own life the following discipleship goals as directed in Ephesians 4:11-17:

1. Establish him in the **Word of God**;
2. Establish him in the **Fellowship of Believers**;
3. Establish him in the **Structure of the Ekklesia**; and
4. Establish him in the **Ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ**.

MESSAGE

A. Building Blocks of the Christian Faith

1. Establish the new believers in the Word of God (Prov. 22:20-21). The Bible or the preserved Word of God (KJV1611) that we have and are using now is most trustworthy. The Word of God reveals to us who God is and what are His purposes and will for our lives. It

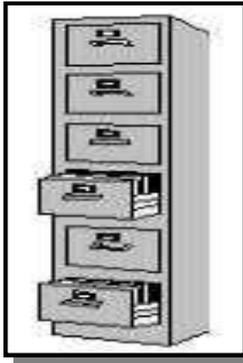
is the solid foundation and basis of our Faith, Belief and Practice. It is the final authority of our life and therefore we must have the highest regard to it and treat it as the most important thing in our life. And it must be our life.

2. **Teach them the Basics.** The ABCs of Christian faith and walk begin with the basic teachings, instructions and doctrines of the Bible. These include the working knowledge of the Word of God, the Godhead, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, Sin and Salvation, the Holy Spirit and the Ekklesia. New believers ought to be rooted and established in these foundations so they can be provided with good understanding of what their: new life in Christ is all about and Christ as being their very foundation; need for a closer and deeper relationship with God; and how they should live for God and His Gospel. These important teachings will also help them see the whole picture and meaning of their new life in Christ—love of God, faith, growth, grace, maturity, stewardship, cheerful giving, discipleship and service.

3. **Introduce them the Three Basic Factors that will help establish them in the Word of God:**

- 3.1. READING (1 Timothy 4:13)
- 3.2. WRITING (Psalm 119:11)
- 3.3. REFERENCING (1 Corinthians 2:13)

These 3 basic factors serve as interlocking cornerstones that facilitate learning, understanding, appreciation and application of the Word of God. And through them, new believers learn to associate their lives with the



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**NOTHING SHALL OUR MOUTH SPEAK
BUT THE BLESSING OF THE WORD
AND THE GLORY OF GOD.**



**THROUGH THE BIBLE
IN A YEAR**

CHAPTERS TO READ THIS WEEK:

NOVEMBER 01	2 TIMOTHY 1:12
NOVEMBER 02	2 TIMOTHY 2:2-4
NOVEMBER 03	2 TIMOTHY 2:15
NOVEMBER 04	2 TIMOTHY 2:19
NOVEMBER 05	2 TIMOTHY 3:16
NOVEMBER 06	2 TIMOTHY 3:17
NOVEMBER 07	2 TIMOTHY 4:2

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Bible and find its meaning and importance in their lives.

4. Get actively and consistently involved in their lives and teach them the Word of God. As disciple-teachers, we must:

4.1. Show and teach them that their life is short and they cannot bank on it. That Christ is the Foundation of their life and that they must now live for Him, obey and follow Him. They should no longer live for themselves.

4.2. Show and teach them how to study and apply the Word of God in their lives. Help them understand that the Bible alone brings true hope, stability, security, growth and maturity. The Word of God is always:

4.2.1. SURE (1 Peter 1:17-21)

4.2.2. IMMUTABLE AND TRUE (Titus 1:2-3)

4.2.3. AN ANCHOR OF THE SOUL (Heb. 6:17-19; 1 Tim. 1:18-20)

5. There are 7 Stages of Christian Growth that new believers should be aware of (Col. 1:21-23):

- 5.1. Grounded—dug in, planted (Ps. 1:3)
- 5.2. Settled—permanently attached; adhering
- 5.3. Not Moved Away—staked down by doctrine; secured or not tossed about (Eph. 4:14)
- 5.4. Rooted—growing in knowledge (2 Peter 3:18)
- 5.5. Built-up—growing in grace (2 Peter 3:18)
- 5.6. Established—perfected and made strong [a process of growth] (1 Peter 5:10)
- 5.7. Abounding—bearing fruit (Psalm 1:3)

C. The Key to Getting Established in the Bible is not Understanding Its Complexities but Mastering Its Fundamentals.

As an athlete submits to his rigorous and disciplined training for physical strength and stamina by learning and mastering

the fundamentals of his sports and so is a new believer who is well-fed and nourished daily with the Word of God. He learns the basics (milk) of the Bible and gets the necessary training to master them. This in turn helps, prepares and equips him in his faith, service and walk with the Lord.

D. Follow the Biblical Mandate: TEACH AND PREACH THE WORD (Matthew 28:19-20). We can only fulfill as an Ekklesia this divine mandate through the following important steps:

EVANGELISM

OBEDIENCE

DISCIPLESHIP—this ministry completes

the believer of the Lord (Col. 2:10; Eph. 3:19)

Application

The first goal of DISCIPLESHIP is aimed at teaching, training and helping new believers to love God, seek Him, learn of Him and obey His Word. Through this ministry, they get proper education and guidance in the use of the Bible. They are properly guided so they can develop love for it, have a good Bible reading habit and cultivate a disciplined study of it. They are taught and trained that through God's Word, they can learn more of God and His will and purposes for their lives. And that by having a good working knowledge of the Bible, they can grow in their spiritual lives and become faithful, strong and useful vessels for the Lord and His Gospel. Getting planted and nourished in the Word of God make them doers of the Word and not hearers only.

—BMA's Messages 11.01.15