

Becoming a Bible-Reading Leader

Lecture Outline Part 1 of 3

I. H_____ S_____ and the Elders' Q_____ for Eldership

This is why I left you in Crete so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you. . . . He must h_____ f_____ to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in s_____ d_____ and also to rebuke those who contradict it. (Titus 1:9)

1. To qualify as an elder, a person must "hold firm to the t_____ w_____ as taught."
2. This starts with reading the w_____ of Scripture.

II. Holy Scripture and the Elder's P_____ G_____

1. Scripture r_____ Christ! We know nothing of Christ outside the Bible.
2. Scripture t_____ us into C_____.
 - A. It does this by the n_____ b_____.
 - B. It n_____ the new life in Christ.

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III. Holy Scripture and the Elders' W_____

1. P_____ the flock by the Word of God.
2. F_____ the people the Word of God.
3. L_____ God's people by the Word of God.
4. C_____ for the flock by the Word of God.

IV. P_____ H_____ for Reading Holy Scripture

2. Develop a p_____ for regular, d_____ Bible reading and study.
3. Create a p_____ and a t_____.
 - C. Have a r_____ place to read and study.
 - D. Have a q_____ place to read and study.

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IV. P_____ H_____ for Reading Holy Scripture

4. Create a place and a time.

C. Establish a regular t_____ for your Bible reading.

5. Use a good, r_____ Bible and become f_____ with it.

6. R_____ -m_____ on the Bible.

Thomas Watson: *"The reason we come away so cold from reading the Word is because we do not warm ourselves on the f_____ of m_____."* *"The tree of your spiritual life thrives best with m_____ because it helps you absorb the w_____ of God's Word."*

7. Use Bible reading p_____.

8. L_____ to the Bible.

9. Have someone hold you a_____ for your Bible reading.

10. P_____ the Bible.

11. Be d_____ of the Word and not just r_____ of the Word.

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, d_____ yourself. If anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he's like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror, for he looks at himself and goes away and at once f_____ what he is like. (James 1:22-24)