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How many of you remember sayings like these:

Members of the church of Christ are “Walking Talking Bibles.”

The church of Christ is “Silent when the Bible is silent, and Speaks when the Bible speaks.”

“If it's not in there (the Bible), they (the church of Christ) will not do it.”

Can/Do people still say this today?

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How often do you pick up your Bible to read?

8 times a week?

5 times a week?

3 times a week?

1 time a week?

None?

Is that enough?

No – “At least that's what they used to call us.”

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How often should we read the Bible?

Luke 19 : 47

Jesus taught "...daily..."

Acts 2 : 42, 46 – 47

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship...continuing daily with one accord...the Lord added to the church daily..."

Acts 5 : 42

"And daily in the temple, and in every house...teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ."

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Acts 17 : 11

“...those in Thessalonica...searched the Scriptures daily...”

Acts 17 : 17

“Therefore he reasoned...with the Jews...Gentile...daily...”

Acts 19 : 6 - 10

“...Paul...reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus.”

Psalms 1 : 1 – 2

“...in His law he meditates day and night.”

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How do we learn the Bible today?

The same way men always have!

We read, we comprehend, we make application.

II Kings 22 : 1 – 2, 8, 10; 23 : 1 – 3

“...I have found the Book of the Law...read it before the king...
all the people...read in their hearing...”

II Timothy 3 : 14 – 15

What must Timothy continue in?

“...the things which you have learned...from childhood...
the Holy Scriptures...”

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How many of you would like people to say of us:

Members of Pleasant Valley are:

“Walking Talking Bibles”

“Silent when the Bible is silent, and Speaks when the Bible speaks.”

“If it's not in there, they will not do it.”

Where do we begin?

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Just like Josiah, let me introduce a Book to you:

The Bible

66 Books, 40 authors, 1,400 years, 3 languages

Old Testament

39 Books

32 authors

1000 years {Biblical Silence}

Hebrews, Aramaic

New Testament

27 Books

8 authors

100 years

Greek

The Bible has been translated into 2,018 languages.

Shakespeare, who is considered to be a master English writer, has been translated into only 50 languages.

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It's time to re-establish a love for God's word.

Psalm 119 : 97, 113, 163

“...I love your law.”

How do I do that?

The New Testament

260 Chapters

52 weeks per year x 5 days per week =

260 days

1 chapter a day/5x a week = NT in a year

Read

Comprehend

Make Application