

ONE in the word

“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me (Jesus).” (John 5:39)

January 29 - Preparation

Men of ONE:

As we complete our first month of ONE in the word, let's all examine ourselves and our walk with Christ. Have we learned anything? Has God revealed Himself to us in a new way? Have we found encouragement? God tells us in Isaiah 55:11 that his word “shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.” Oftentimes, it seems as though we can make it easily through the first couple weeks of reading through the Bible. However, as we continue our journey, we tend to get too “busy”. Or perhaps, we lose sight of the purpose of reading in the first place. If we find ourselves in a place where we don't feel like we're “getting anything”, let's be encouraged to not give up just yet. God has promised that His word would not return unto Him void. It may be this week that your eyes are opened to some amazing truth through this treasure God has given us.

In preparation of the week, set some time aside today for prayer. Of course, the Bible tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 that we should “Pray without ceasing”. However, let's pray for each other as many are on this journey through the word of God. Furthermore, pray as David prayed in Psalm 119:18 for God to “Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.” As Satan deceived Eve in the garden, he would love nothing more than to cause you to question the word of God and your purpose in reading it. Prayer is essential to a proper relationship with God and His written word. Again, be encouraged that you hold God's word and mind on all matters of faith and practice. Understand that the purpose of our pursuit is to “Be ye holy” (1 Peter 1:16). We'll find that the more we get into the Book; the Book will get into us. That, in turn, will make us the clean and holy vessels that God desires us to be (Psalm 119:11; John 15:3).