

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE SCHEDULE FOR 1/16/12 TO 1/23/12

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2012 Read Colossians 1: 1-29

God's Word works! Look for evidence of that as you read Colossians 1. Remember that the Scriptures are God's Word and that Jesus is the Word made flesh (John 1:1-14).

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012 Read Colossians 2:1-23

Con artists can wipe out in a day wealth that took a lifetime to accumulate. Human philosophies, Paul writes, and legalistic religions both operate like con artists. But the end result devastates a person, not for a lifetime, but forever. What else would you add to this synopsis of chapter 2? Where do you see hope?

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012 Read Colossians 3:1-4:18

By grace, we fix our eyes on Jesus- crucified, risen, ascended, and reigning (3:1-4). Then we walk step-by-step toward our own eternal destiny, the destiny Jesus' work for us has made possible. As we do this, our path will take us past many opportunities to live out the new life we have received in Christ's cross. Watch for Paul's examples of this as you read the rest of Colossians. How will you recognize in your own life opportunities like the ones Paul suggests?

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012 Read I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most believers probably turn to Paul's letters to the Thessalonians when they want to clarify some aspect of Christ's return. Yet, these letters have a lot to say, too, about day-in, day-out life in the church. As you read Chapter 1, watch for that accent.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2012 Read I Thessalonians 2: 1-20

Before you begin reading today's text, make a list here of the temptations leaders face- particularly leaders in the church. Then, as you read, compare your list with Paul's.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2012 Read I Thessalonians 3:1-13

It's a Christian parents worst nightmare. Send an 19 year-old son off to college, and find out a year later that he has left the faith. Send an 19 year-old daughter off to the military, and learn months later she' stopped worshipping and has lost her Bible. Paul feared for the faith of his spiritual "children" too. What evoked those fears.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2012 COME TO WORSHIP AND THEN CATCH UP ON ANY READINGS YOU MISSED DURING THE WEEK!