

## Intention in Our Study of God's Word

(2 Timothy 2:15)

- Introduction:**
1. Ills. of one who decides to “get into” golfing. What happens?
  2. Nothing is more important than educating oneself in the word of God.
  3. We sometimes say we want to go to heaven more than anything in the world, yet our ignorance of the Bible betrays us.
    - a. Ills. of woman with Bible bookmarks.
    - b. Ills. of driver's license.
  3. We're just talking about 27 books, 260 chapters, 7959 verses.
  4. What can we do to become more intentional students of the Bible?

### I. Get to Know YOUR Bible

- A. Get a good Bible that you can understand and that is a faithful translation.
  1. Mark in it.
  2. Read it to the point you know where things are on the page.
- B. Get helpful tools.
  1. English-Greek Dictionary.
    - a. (1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:15).
    - b. (Acts 15:39 – 1 Corinthians 13:5).
    - c. (Colossians 1:15; Psalm 89:27; Job 18:13).

### II. Don't Skip the “Boring” Parts

- A. Methuselah (Genesis 5:25- 7:6)
  1. Methuselah lived 187 years and begat Lamech
  2. Lamech was 182 when he begat Noah
  3. The flood came in the 600<sup>th</sup> year of Noah's life
  4. Methuselah died when he was 969 years old
- B. Ahithophel (2 Samuel 15; 2 Samuel 23:34).
- C. David's son, Nathan (1 Chronicles 3:5).
- D. Women in Jesus' Genealogy (Matt. 1:1-17)
  1. Being a “patriarchal” society, genealogies usually follow the father.
  2. Yet, in Jesus' genealogy, five women are listed.
  3. Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, Mary
  4. Sarah was ignored though listed in Hebrews 11:11-12.
  5. I believe these women were listed for the sake of Mary.

### III. Meditate Upon the Word of God

- A. Meditation and reading are two different things.
- B. (Psalm 63:6; 119:15,23,27,48,78,97,99,148).
- C. (Luke 19:28-44) Triumphant Entry – overlooked miracle.
- D. (Exodus 15) the waters congealed.
- E. (Genesis 3:1-7) Adam was with her.

- F. (2 Kings 2:11) No one was taken to heaven in a chariot of fire.
- G. (1 Samuel 17:38) David bigger than we think.
- H. (Judges 16) Who was Samson's wife?
- I. (Esther 2:7) Esther & Mordecai.
- J. (Daniel 6) Daniel's age.
- K. (Matthew 2:11) How many wise men present at the birth of Jesus?

- Conclusion:**
1. Let's be intentional, diligent students of the Bible.
  2. 27 books, 260 chapters, 7959 verses, and our desire are all that stand between us and going to heaven.