

STRENGTHENING THE BIBLE STUDY AND THE LEADER

Collins Dictionary: Strengthen – make strong – reinforce

Collins Thesaurus: Encourage – establish – support

I. One way of strengthening the bible study leader is to keep them motivated.

Webster thesaurus: Motivate – stimulate (stir up) prompt – persuade

II. If the Bible Study Leader is not motivated or encouraged, he or she becomes discouraged – disheartened – dismayed and lose hope.

III. Paul was a great strengthener and motivator. He would write letters that would strengthen:

- a. The Corinthians (1 Cor 1:10-17) - by getting them back in line
- b. The Phillipians (4:1-4) - keep unity in the bible study
- c. The Galatians - by keeping them from being bewitched by another doctrine
- d. The Ephesians (6:10-17) – telling them to be strong in the Lord

Timothy – encouraging him that it doesn't matter how young you are, you can preach and teach. (1 Tim 4:12-15)

IV. For a District Superintendent, Elder, Pastor to strengthen or motivate; he or she must be motivated. Bible Study Leaders then can build someone else up.

V. How can we motivate ourselves?

- a. prayer
- b. fasting
- c. reading
- d. traveling
- e. remembering my testimony
- f. remembering God called me.

VI. I can also motivate the Bible Study Leader and strengthen him by:

- a. Establishing a relationship with them
- b. Getting to know them. (ex: Where are you from? How long you been married?)
- c. Keeping and making contact. (phone, emails – meetings)
- d. Sharing my trials, tribulations, experiences, downfalls (not sins)
- e. Be touchable – share the battles you fought when starting a work (what it feels like to set up chairs and no one shows up.)
- f. Don't be ashamed of having a bible study in their house. All bible studies, prayer, and worship did not all start in a church.
- g. Must put prayer in the land and walk the land (Gen 13:14-17)

VII. A Bible Study Leader must have a vision. (Proverbs 29:18)

VIII. You must desire the bible study to be turned into a church.

IX. See if you can get a recreation room, pool room, coworkers house, family member or a day room.

X. Bible study leader - you are doing a GREAT work! Don't come down! (Nehemiah 6:3, page 503)

XI. When the going gets hard and tough...and it will. You are fighting demons, sinners, saints and your own mind. Remember to stand true in all kinds of suffering.

XII. When you get through going through...strengthen the brethren. (Luke 22:31-32)

XIII. Pray to be convinced of what you read, that you may convince others.

XIV. Bible study leader must know Jesus can save any place, any time, and under any circumstance. He Saved You! Saved a man in the tree, saved a woman at the well (John 4:39-42), and saved a man who came at night.

XV. Use your testimony to save souls. The woman at the well used hers and Paul used his.

XVI. God has given you the Holy Ghost to persuade and convince people to come to Jesus.

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