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EXPERIENCE THE JOY!

MAKE A JOYFUL SHOUT UNTO THE LORD, ALL YOU LANDS! SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS: COME BEFORE HIS PRESENCE WITH SINGING.

PSALM 100:1-2

DO YOU HAVE A DESIRE TO SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS? DO YOU WANT TO COME BEFORE HIS PRESENCE WITH SINGING? THEN COME AND EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF SERVING THE LORD IN YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM.

BE INTERACTIVE WITH YOUR CHILD AND BE A PART OF A RICH AND REWARDING EXPERIENCE. COME INSIDE AND SING, PLAY, READ, MAKE CRAFTS AND WATCH YOUR CHILD DEVELOP THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR OR SERVICE COORDINATOR BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER EACH SERVICE.

SNACK POLICY

THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PROVIDES SNACKS TO THE CHILDREN DURING EACH SERVICE. WE ARE AWARE OF CHILDREN WITH FOOD ALLERGIES AND DO NOT PROVIDE ANY SNACKS THAT ARE MADE WITH PEANUT OIL. AT THIS TIME, THE SNACKS THAT ARE PROVIDED DURING THE SERVICE ARE ANIMAL CRACKERS. TO PROTECT THE CHILDREN, EACH ADULT VOLUNTEER DISTRIBUTING THE SNACKS WEARS SANITARY PLASTIC GLOVES. AT TIMES THE CHILDREN ARE ALSO GIVEN A SMALL CUP OF WATER ALONG WITH THE SNACK.

AT TIMES, TEACHERS DO BRING IN OUTSIDE SNACKS TO PASS OUT TO THE CHILDREN OR TO USE THEM AS REWARDS (EX – MEMORIZING BIBLE VERSES). THESE SNACKS MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY PREPACKAGED AND GIVEN TO THE PARENTS UPON CHECKOUT. THE PARENTS CAN THEN GIVE THEM TO THEIR CHILDREN AT THEIR DISCRETION.

PARENTS, PLEASE INFORM YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY FOOD ALLERGIES OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS. THERE IS ALSO A PLACE ON THE SIGN-IN SHEETS TO SPECIFY ANY ALLERGIES OR MEDICAL CONDITIONS UNDER "SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS".

THE NAMES OF GOD

JEHOVAH-RAAH

THE LORD MY SHEPHERD

USE IN THE BIBLE:

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT *JEHOVAH-RAAH* (THE LORD MY SHEPHERD) IS USED IN PSALM 23.

JEHOVAH-RAAH IN THE SEPTUAGINT:

KURIOS POIMAINEI ME — THE LORD SHEPHERDS ME

MEANING AND DERIVATION:

JEHOVAH IS TRANSLATED AS "THE EXISTING ONE" OR "LORD." THE CHIEF MEANING OF *JEHOVAH* IS DERIVED FROM THE HEBREW WORD *HAVAH* MEANING "TO BE" OR "TO EXIST." IT ALSO SUGGESTS "TO BECOME" OR SPECIFICALLY "TO BECOME KNOWN" — THIS DENOTES A GOD WHO REVEALS HIMSELF UNCEASINGLY. *RÓ'EH* FROM WHICH *RAAH* DERIVED, MEANS "SHEPHERD" IN HEBREW. A SHEPHERD IS ONE WHO FEEDS OR LEADS HIS FLOCK TO PASTURE (EZEK 34:11-15). AN EXTEND TRANSLATION OF THIS WORD, *REA'*, IS "FRIEND" OR "COMPANION." THIS INDICATES THE INTIMACY GOD DESIRES BETWEEN HIMSELF AND HIS PEOPLE. WHEN THE TWO WORDS ARE COMBINED — *JEHOVAH RAAH* — IT CAN BE TRANSLATED AS "THE LORD MY FRIEND."

FURTHER REFERENCES OF THE NAME JEHOVAH-RAAH IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:

GEN 48:15; GEN 49:24; PSA 23:1; PSA 80:1

CURRICULUM TRACKER

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

2 YR OLD – 6TH GRADE

CALVARY CHAPEL (#43)

GOD WILL ENABLE US TO DO WHAT HE WANTS US TO DO.

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

MORNING

2 YR OLD – KINDERGARTEN

GOSPEL LIGHT (#1)

JACOB AND ESAU

1ST GRADE – 6TH GRADE

CALVARY CHAPEL (#275)

GOOD INTENTIONS ARE NOT ENOUGH; IT'S WHAT WE DO THAT COUNTS.

EVENING

2 YR OLD

HANDS ON (#1)

GOD WATCHES OVER US ALL THE TIME.

3 YR OLD – 4 YR OLD

HANDS ON (#1)

GOD PROTECTS BABY MOSES.

KINDERGARTEN

HANDS ON (#1)

GOD SPEAKS TO MOSES.

1ST & 2ND GRADE

HANDS ON (#1)

MIRIAM LOOKS OUT FOR HER BROTHER.

3RD & 4TH GRADE

HANDS ON (#1)

JOSEPH IS SOLD INTO SLAVERY.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

2 YR OLD – 6TH GRADE

CALVARY CHAPEL (#44)

GOD WANTS US TO WORSHIP ONLY HIM.

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

MORNING

2 YR OLD – KINDERGARTEN

GOSPEL LIGHT (#2)

AN UNFAIR TRADE

1ST GRADE – 6TH GRADE

CALVARY CHAPEL (#276)

JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD, OUR MESSIAH.

EVENING

2 YR OLD

HANDS ON (#2)

GOD WATCHES OVER US WHEREVER WE ARE.

3 YR OLD – 4 YR OLD

HANDS ON (#2)

MIRIAM WATCHES OVER BABY MOSES.

KINDERGARTEN

HANDS ON (#2)

GOD SENDS PLAGUES UPON EGYPT.

1ST & 2ND GRADE

HANDS ON (#2)

GOD CALLS MOSES TO LEAD GOD'S PEOPLE.

3RD & 4TH GRADE

HANDS ON (#2)

JOSEPH INTERPRETS DREAMS IN PRISON.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

2 YR OLD – 6TH GRADE

CALVARY CHAPEL (#45)

GOD DESIRES TO HAVE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH US.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

MORNING

2 YR OLD – KINDERGARTEN

GOSPEL LIGHT (#3)

JACOB'S TRICKS

1ST GRADE – 6TH GRADE

CALVARY CHAPEL (#277)

JESUS DIED FOR YOU AND ME.

EVENING

2 YR OLD

HANDS ON (#3)

GOD WATCHES OVER US BECAUSE HE LOVED US.

3 YR OLD – 4 YR OLD

HANDS ON (#3)

MOSES' MOTHER CARES FOR HIM.

KINDERGARTEN

HANDS ON (#3)

GOD PARTS THE RED SEA.

1ST & 2ND GRADE

HANDS ON (#3)

GOD SENDS PLAGUES ON EGYPT.

3RD & 4TH GRADE

HANDS ON (#3)

JOSEPH RISES TO POWER.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

2 YR OLD – 6TH GRADE

CALVARY CHAPEL (#46)

GOD DWELLS INSIDE OF HIS CHILDREN.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

MORNING

2 YR OLD – KINDERGARTEN

GOSPEL LIGHT (#4)

ESAU FORGIVES JACOB

1ST GRADE – 6TH GRADE

CALVARY CHAPEL (#278)

JESUS ALWAYS KEEPS HIS WORD.

EVENING

2 YR OLD

HANDS ON (#4)

I'M HAPPY THAT GOD WATCHES OVER US.

3 YR OLD – 4 YR OLD

HANDS ON (#4)

MOSES GROWS UP.

KINDERGARTEN

HANDS ON (#4)

GOD PROVIDES MANNA AND QUAIL.

1ST & 2ND GRADE

HANDS ON (#4)

THE ANGEL OF DEATH PASSES OVE THE ISRAELITES' HOMES.

3RD & 4TH GRADE

HANDS ON (#4)

JOSEPH'S BROTHERS COME TO EGYPT.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

2 YR OLD – 6TH GRADE

CALVARY CHAPEL (#47)

GOD DIRECTS OUR STEPS.

FOR I HAVE NOT SHUNNED TO DECLARE TO YOU THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD.

ACTS 20:27

CALVARY CHAPEL GOLDEN SPRINGS BOOKSTORE

MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST: JESUS WANTS ALL OF ME

GENERATIONS OF ADULTS HAVE CHERISHED OSWALD CHAMBERS' *MY UTMOST FOR HIS HIGHEST*. NOW HIS TIMELESS INSIGHTS ARE AVAILABLE IN A CHILD-FRIENDLY FORMAT. FEATURING A DAILY MEDITATION, COLORFUL CARTOON ILLUSTRATIONS, AND A NKJV SCRIPTURE PASSAGE, THIS CHARMING DEVOTIONAL TAKES KERNELS FROM CHAMBERS' ORIGINAL AND RE-TELLS THEM FOR LITTLE HEARTS AND MINDS. AGES- 3-7 YEARS

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BIBLE TRIVIA

"WHO AM I?"

GOD MADE ADAM OUT OF DUST, BUT THOUGHT IT BEST TO MAKE ME FIRST:
SO I WAS MADE BEFORE THE MAN, ACCORDING TO GOD'S HOLY PLAN.
MY WHOLE BODY GOD MADE COMPLETE, WITHOUT ARMS OR HANDS OR FEET.
MY WAYS AND ACTS DID GOD CONTROL, BUT IN MY BODY HE PLACED NO SOUL.
A LIVING BEING I BECAME, AND ADAM GAVE TO ME A NAME.
THEN FROM HIS PRESENCE I WITHDREW, FOR THIS MAN ADAM I NEVER KNEW.

ALL MY MAKER'S LAWS I DO OBEY, AND FROM THESE LAWS I NEVER STRAY.
THOUSANDS OF ME GO IN FEAR, BUT SELDOM ON THE EARTH APPEAR.
LATER, FOR A PURPOSE GOD DID SEE, HE PLACED A LIVING SOUL IN ME.
BUT THAT SOUL OF MINE GOD HAD TO CLAIM, AND FROM ME HE TOOK IT BACK AGAIN.
AND WHEN THIS SOUL FROM ME HAD FLED, I WAS THE SAME AS WHEN FIRST MADE;
WITHOUT ARMS, LEGS, FEET, OR SOUL, I TRAVEL ON FROM POLE TO POLE.

MY LABORS ARE FROM DAY TO NIGHT, AND TO MEN I ONCE FURNISHED LIGHT.
THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE BOTH YOUNG AND OLD, DID BY MY DEATH BRIGHT LIGHTS BEHOLD.
NO RIGHT OR WRONG CAN I CONCEIVE; THE BIBLE AND ITS TEACHINGS I CAN'T BELIEVE.
THE FEAR OF DEATH DOESN'T TROUBLE ME; PURE HAPPINESS I WILL NEVER SEE.
AND UP IN HEAVEN I CAN NEVER GO, NOR IN THE GRAVE OR HELL BELOW.
SO GET YOUR BIBLE AND READ WITH CARE; YOU'LL FIND MY NAME RECORDED THERE.

THE ANSWER IS ONE WORD, FIVE LETTERS LONG, AND APPEARS ONLY FOUR TIMES IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS IN THE AUTHORIZED KING JAMES BIBLE. ANSWER FOUND ON THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 4

BIBLE TRIVIA FOR KIDS

"WHO WAS HE?"

ONCE A LITTLE BABE WAS DRIFTING
IN A BASKET ALL ALONE,
WHEN THE KING'S FAIR DAUGHTER FOUND HIM-
WISHED TO HAVE HIM FOR HER OWN.
SO SHE FOUND THE BABY'S MOTHER
FOR HIS NURSE THAT VERY DAY
BUT WHEN HE HAD GROWN TO MANHOOD,
HE HIS PEOPLE LED AWAY.

ANSWER FOUND AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 4

WORD SEARCH

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 X K H M A N N A A W O G M E U M H H V A
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 A M G S P I L H J R S E S O M A V E N L
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Directs
 Egypt
 Enables
 Esau
 Forgives
 God

Jacob
 Joseph
 Manna
 Messiah
 Miriam
 Moses

Plagues
 Protects
 Quail
 Red Sea
 Speaks
 Watches

WHO AM I? - A WHALE

FOR KIDS - MOSES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MISSIONS SUNDAY

JUNE 6, 2010

THIS WEEK WE WILL BE RECEIVING AN OFFERING FOR CALVARY CHAPEL SAN MIGUEL AND PASTOR HENRY NINO IN WALABO, COLOMBIA.

PRAYER FOR THE CM

JUNE 9, 2010

ROOM 109

WE WILL BE LIFTING UP THE NEEDS OF THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

NIGHT OF PRAYER

JUNE 25, 2010

FELLOWSHIP HALL

WE WILL LIFT UP THE NEEDS OF OUR COUNTRY, MILITARY, MINISTRY AND PERSONAL NEEDS AT 7:00PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

II CHORON. 7:14

WATER BAPTISMS

JUNE 26, 2010

WALNUT HIGH SCHOOL

THIS YEAR'S WATER BAPTISMS WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 26, JULY 31 AND AUGUST 28 AT WALNUT HIGH SCHOOL FROM 2:00PM – 4:00PM. BRING A TOWEL AND A T-SHIRT TO WEAR OVER YOUR SWIMSUIT.

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

JUNE 27, 2010

FELLOWSHIP HALL

OPEN TO MEN AND WOMEN WHO WANT TO HEAR AND FOLLOW THE HEARTBEAT OF GOD AND WIN OTHERS TO CHRIST. THESE CLASSES ARE DESIGNED TO EQUIP YOU FOR MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP.

SLY KIDS PARK OUTREACH

JUNE 28 – JULY 2, 2010

VINEYARD PARK - ONTARIO

PYRAMIDS. THE SPHINX. SUN. SAND. MYSTERY. INTRIGUE. JOURNEY WITH US AS WE TRAVEL TO EGYPT AND *DECODE THE MYSTERY OF LIFE.*

I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE; MARVELOUS ARE YOUR WORKS. PSALM 139:14

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

SUGGESTED READING SCHEDULE:

	MORNING	EVENING
JUNE 1	II CHRON. 4-6	JOHN 12:20-50
JUNE 2	II CHRON. 7-9	JOHN 13:1-17
JUNE 3	II CHRON. 10-12	JOHN 13:18-38
JUNE 4	II CHRON. 13-16	JOHN 14
JUNE 5	II CHRON. 17-19	JOHN 15
JUNE 6	II CHRON. 20-22	JOHN 16:1-15
JUNE 7	II CHRON. 23-25	JOHN 16:16-33
JUNE 8	II CHRON. 26-28	JOHN 17
JUNE 9	II CHRON. 29-31	JOHN 18:1-23
JUNE 10	II CHRON. 32-33	JOHN 18:24-40
JUNE 11	II CHRON. 34-36	JOHN 19:1-22
JUNE 12	EZRA 1-2	JOHN 19:23-42
JUNE 13	EZRA 3-5	JOHN 20
JUNE 14	EZRA 6-8	JOHN 21
JUNE 15	EZRA 9-10	ACTS 1
JUNE 16	NEH. 1-3	ACTS 2:1-13
JUNE 17	NEH. 4-6	ACTS 2:14-47
JUNE 18	NEH. 7-8	ACTS 3
JUNE 19	NEH. 9-11	ACTS 4:1-22
JUNE 20	NEH. 12-13	ACTS 4:23-37
JUNE 21	ESTHER 1-3	ACTS 5:1-16
JUNE 22	ESTHER 4-6	ACTS 5:17-42
JUNE 23	ESTHER 7-10	ACTS 6
JUNE 24	JOB 1-3	ACTS 7:1-19
JUNE 25	JOB 4-6	ACTS 7:20-43
JUNE 26	JOB 7-9	ACTS 7:44-60
JUNE 27	JOB 10-12	ACTS 8:1-25
JUNE 28	JOB 13-15	ACTS 8:26-40
JUNE 29	JOB 16-18	ACTS 9:1-22
JUNE 30	JOB 19-20	ACTS 9:23-43

SO THEN FAITH COMES BY HEARING, AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD.

ROMANS 10:17

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

"MOST PEOPLE DON'T THINK THAT GOD CAN USE THEM. HE USES ORDINARY PEOPLE. THOSE THAT MAKE THEMSELVES AVAILABLE TO GOD, THAT WANT TO KNOW THE WORD OF GOD AND LIVE IN OBEDIENCE."

RAUL RIES

CALVARY CHAPEL DISTINCTIVES

INTRODUCTION: THE CALL TO THE MINISTRY (CONT...)

IT'S MY PERSONAL OPINION THAT PEOPLE WHO SMOKE HAVE ONE OF THE DIRTIEST HABITS IN THE WORLD. THEY ALWAYS SMELL AND THEY LEAVE A SMELL WHEREVER THEY GO. IT'S SO EASY TO DETECT SOMEONE WHO SMOKES. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS WALK BY AND YOU CAN SMELL IT ON THEIR CLOTHES. YOU GO INTO A HOUSE WHERE PEOPLE SMOKE, YOU GO OVER AND TAKE A WHIFF OF THE DRAPERY AND IT WILL KNOCK YOU OUT. IT'S JUST A DIRTY HABIT. BUT WORSE THAN THAT, THEY THROW THEIR CIGARETTE BUTTS DOWN ANYWHERE. THEN THEY USUALLY TAKE THEIR FOOT AND WIPE IT ACROSS THE CIGARETTE BUTT TO PUT OUT THE GLOW, LEAVING A MESS ON THE SIDEWALK. WHEN PEOPLE COME TO CHURCH, MANY TIMES THEY WILL COME UP SMOKING AND, AS THEY GET READY TO GO INTO THE CHURCH, THEY JUST THROW DOWN THE CIGARETTE, AND TAKE THEIR FOOT ACROSS IT. WHO IS SUPPOSED TO PICK UP THE CIGARETTE BUTT?

AS I WAS GROWING UP, I WAS TAUGHT BY MY MOTHER NEVER TO TOUCH A CIGARETTE BUTT OR A CIGARETTE. I WAS SO AVERSE TO CIGARETTES THAT EVEN TO THE PRESENT DAY I CAN'T TOUCH ONE WITHOUT SOMEHOW FEELING DEFILED. EVERY TIME I REACH DOWN TO PICK UP A CIGARETTE BUTT, THE MINUTE I TOUCH IT, THERE'S SOMETHING FROM MY EARLY CHILDHOOD THAT JUST REVOLTS. I HATE IT! AS I WALK AROUND THE CHURCH GROUNDS AND SEE CIGARETTE BUTTS, I DON'T LIKE HOW THEY LOOK ON THE GROUND, SO I PICK THEM UP. BUT, I FOUND THAT AS I WAS PICKING THEM UP I WAS COMPLAINING AGAINST WHOEVER PUT THE THING DOWN THERE. I WOULD THINK, "DIRTY, STINKING INCONSIDERATE, CARELESS, THOUGHTLESS PEOPLE."

THEN THE LORD SPOKE TO MY HEART. HE SIMPLY SAID, "WHO ARE YOU SERVING?" I SAID, "I AM SERVING YOU, LORD." AND HE REPLIED, "THEN QUIT YOUR GRIPING." SO DON'T SERVE WITH A BITTER HEART. DON'T SERVE WITH RESENTMENT. IF I'M PICKING UP CIGARETTE BUTTS AND THINKING OF DIRTY PEOPLE, THEN I RESENT IT DOING IT. BUT, IF I THINK, "WELL, LORD, I'LL KEEP YOUR GROUNDS CLEAN," THEN I FIND THAT I CAN PICK THEM UP AND DISPOSE OF THEM WITHOUT HAVING THAT INNER DISGUST BECAUSE I'M DOING IT FOR JESUS - NOT FOR ANYONE ELSE'S APPROVAL, BUT JUST FOR YOU, LORD. AS THE SCRIPTURES TELL US: "WHATSOEVER YE DO IN WORD OR DEED, DO ALL IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS." (COLOSSIANS 3:17).

THERE'S NO MORE IMPORTANT ATTITUDE TO HAVE IN THE MINISTRY. WE NEED TO SERVE AS UNTO THE LORD BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO FIND PEOPLE OBNOXIOUS. WE'RE GOING TO FIND THEM UNTHANKFUL. WE'RE GOING TO FIND THAT THEY'RE DEMANDING, AND THAT MANY TIMES THEY'RE QUITE MISERABLE TO BE AROUND. SO, IF YOU THINK, "I'VE GOT TO SERVE THEM," IT WILL GET TO YOU. BUT, IF YOU THINK, "I'M SERVING THE LORD," THEN YOU'LL BE ABLE TO HANDLE IT. WHATEVER OUR SERVICE, WE MUST DO IT AS UNTO THE LORD, KNOWING THAT FROM THE LORD, YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR REWARD.

DON'T LOOK FOR THE APPLAUSE OF MEN. DON'T LOOK FOR PEOPLE TO SAY, "OH, THANK YOU. OH, YOU MEAN SO MUCH TO ME." FOR SO OFTEN IT WON'T COME. I'VE DONE AND DONE AND DONE FOR PEOPLE, AND THEN HAVE HAD THEM KICK ME IN THE TEETH BECAUSE I WOULDN'T DO MORE. YOU NEED TO KEEP THE MENTAL ATTITUDE OF DOING EVERYTHING AS UNTO THE LORD, KNOWING THAT OF THE LORD, YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR REWARD. YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP THAT IN MIND. I'M A SERVANT OF JESUS CHRIST. HE'S MY MASTER. HE'S THE ONE WHO WILL REWARD ME FOR MY SERVICE. I NEED TO KEEP THAT PERSPECTIVE AND KEEP THE RIGHT ATTITUDE IN MY HEART AS I'M SERVING PEOPLE. I AM DOING IT FOR HIM.

WE MUST NOT ONLY MAINTAIN A COMMITMENT TO JESUS AND TO SERVING HIS PEOPLE, BUT THERE MUST ALSO BE A COMMITMENT TO THE WORD OF GOD. I BELIEVE THAT ANYONE WHO DOESN'T BELIEVE THAT THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED, INERRANT WORD OF GOD HAS NO BUSINESS BEING IN THE MINISTRY. SADLY, THAT WOULD PROBABLY ELIMINATE 50% OF THE MINISTERS IN THE UNITED STATES TODAY. WHY TEACH FROM A BOOK THAT YOU DON'T BELIEVE? AND IF YOU DO BELIEVE THAT THE BIBLE IS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD, AND THAT IT'S YOUR DUTY TO PREACH IT, THEN, BY ALL MEANS, KNOW IT. BE COMMITTED TO IT. AS PAUL SAID TO TIMOTHY, "STUDY TO SHEW THYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD, A WORKMAN THAT NEEDETH NOT TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH." (II TIMOTHY 2:15). YOU CAN BE TAUGHT HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE, BUT THE LEARNING PROCESS IS NEVER ENDING. TO THE PRESENT DAY, I CONTINUE TO COMMIT MYSELF TO THE WORD OF GOD AND TO STUDYING THE WORD OF GOD SO AS TO SHOW MYSELF APPROVED UNTO GOD.

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