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PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY NOTES

**Someone
God Can
Work With**

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Hi,

Over the years I have had numerous people ask me for a copy of my sermon notes for their own personal Bible studies. I am glad to be able to present them to you. You have in your hands an exact copy of my sermon notes for your very own personal studies. I pray that as you study the Word, that the Holy Spirit will add even more than what you have before you. Put yourself there in what you are studying. What were they feeling, what were they facing...make the Word come alive by placing yourself there.

I am also including a list of the resources that I use to obtain my information, but I will say this, without the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you under the anointing all you have is just a bunch of books. I always pray before, during, and upon deliverance of each message I receive. I pray that...***you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Colossians 1:9)***. I am both honored and blessed that you have selected a Sermon Notes Series and I pray that it will be a blessing to you!

With Much Love,
Pastor John

RESOURCES USED

- * The Companion Bible
- * Dake's Annotated Reference Bible
- * Young's Analytical Concordance To The Bible
- * A Dictionary Of Bible Types
- * Vine's Expository Dictionary Of New Testament Words
- * The American College Dictionary
- * World's Bible Handbook
- * The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary
- * Nelson's Three- in- One Bible Reference Companion
- * The Word -The Bible In 26 Translations
- * God's Plan For Man
- * Harper's Encyclopedia Of Bible Life
- * Nelson's Expository Dictionary Of The Old Testament
- * Manners And Customs From the Bible
- * What The Bible Is All About
- * Halley's Bible Handbook

These are just a small listing of the study aides that I use. The greatest study aide available is letting the Holy Spirit be your teacher. May you get to know Him!

Words translated from the Gk = Greek and Hb=Hebrew.

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OUR VISION

“My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge;”

Hosea 4:6

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:”

Proverbs 23:7

“...and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;”

Colossians 1:9

“Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.”

Proverbs 24:3-5

“And the Gospel must first be published among all nations.”

Mark 13:10

As the Scriptures speak for themselves, our vision is to empower Believers everywhere to live a victorious abundant lifestyle that can be obtained through wisdom and understanding. If you are willing to change the way you think, you can change the way you live. A renewed mind towards the Word of God established you firmly in the faith and opens the door for the blessings and benefits of God to become evident in your life.

Because We Believe In You,
John and Karen Pelizzari

SOMEONE GOD CAN WORK WITH

2 Timothy 3:1

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

1. The time frame that we are looking at with these verses of Scriptures is for today.
2. We are told that difficult times are ahead.

2 Timothy 3:2-4

^[2] For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ^[3] Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, ^[4] Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

3. The apostle Paul informs us in this letter to Pastor Timothy that the kind of people that you will encounter will be:
 - a. People will love only themselves and their money.
 - b. Boastful.

- c. Proud.
- d. Scoffing at God.
- e. Disobedient to parents.
- f. Ungrateful.
- g. They will consider nothing sacred.
- h. Unloving.
- i. Unforgiving.
- j. They will slander others.
- k. They will slander others.
- l. Cruel.
- m. No interest in what is good.
- n. Betray their friends.
- o. Reckless.
- p. Puffed up with pride.
- q. And love pleasure rather than God.

2 Timothy 3:5 (NLT) They will act as if they are religious, but they will reject the power that could

make them godly. You must stay away from people like that.

- 4. Now notice, some church folks will be putting on an act. This is what hypocrite means, “*one who puts on a face / act.*”
- 5. But the way that you can distinguish the real from the fakes lies with the power.
- 6. The fake church folks will reject the power of God. We would never think this to be us because we love God. So why is there a brown out or blackout in most churches?

REASON #1 PEOPLE REJECT / DENY THE POWER

Reject - to dismiss as inadequate or faulty.

- a. This is when you are in church and you feel the person praying for you doesn’t qualify to lay hands on you because of your opinion of them.
- b. **They shall lay hands** - not who you think is qualified.

Reject - to refuse to consider or agree to.

- a. This is when a person sits there and they are bored or itching to leave when an altar call is given.

- b. Their focus is on self so they won't pray for others during a move of the spirit, these are usually the clock watchers who dash out before a service is dismissed.

Reject - to fail to show due affection or concern for.

- a. These are those who during an altar call have to get up, move around instead of being reverent and prayerful.

Reject - showing a damaging response to.

- a. Shows us that their lack of concern while others are being prayed for can damage them not to have support when they come up for prayer themselves.
- b. They reap what they have sown into the lives of others.
- c. You see this when the Pastor is asking for people to come up and pray...and nobody moves.

7. The King James translation uses the word:

Denying - Gk - *arneomai* - to contradict.

- a. This is when you feel you have wasted your time after you got prayed for because you don't feel any different.

Denying - to disavow meaning to deny responsibility or support to.

- a. This is when you question God more than when you choose to believe.

Denying - abnegate, means to formally announce and reject something that is desired or valuable.

- a. This is talking about churches that ridicule or do not believe that the power of God is for today.

Denying - refuse, unwilling to accept.

8. What is being rejected by fake church folks?

Power - Gk - *dunamis* - miraculous power; ability; abundance, meaning might; power, strength; violence; might (wonderful) work.

2 Timothy 3:5 **Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.**

9. We are instructed to turn away, to stay away from people like that.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (MSG) ^[1] **Don't be naive. There are difficult times ahead.** ^[2] **As the end approaches, people are going to be**

**s e l f - a b s o r b e d ,
m o n e y - h u n g r y ,
self-promoting, stuck-up,
profane, contemptuous of
parents, crude, coarse, ^[3]
dog-eat-dog, unbending,
slanderers, impulsively wild,
savage, cynical, ^[4]
treacherous, ruthless,
bloated windbags, addicted
to lust, and allergic to God.
^[5] They'll make a show of
religion, but behind the
scenes they're animals. Stay
clear of these people.**

10. Many people question “Where is the power of God, I want to see the power, the miracles, the signs and the wonders. Why isn’t anything happening in the churches of today?”

11. So where is the power?

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

12. So when you become spirit filled, you automatically receive the power. So how do you begin in activating that power in your life?

Acts 1:8 (NLT) But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

13. See, it’s easy to blame the church, the music, the Pastor, the atmosphere, but the bottom line is that the power of God is in you waiting to be activated when you boldly begin to believe and speak out the things of God.

Mark 16:15-18 ^[15] And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. ^[16] He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. ^[17] And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; ^[18] They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

14. Signs should follow believers; believers shouldn’t be looking for signs.

Mark 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with

them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

15. The Lord worked with them, **not for or on behalf of them.**

Worked - Gk- *sunergeo* - to be a fellow worker; to cooperate; to help.

16. When you cooperate or help someone, you are not the lead guy. The Lord confirmed what they preached and spoke.

Mark 16:20 (NLT) And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked with them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.

17. **The Lord worked with them.** After they talked about the Lord and the things he would do through them, Jesus showed up and backed up the messages that they shared by confirming what they said with miracles.

Confirming - Gk - *bebaioo* - to stabilize, to make firm, stable.

18. This would explain why there are a lot of unstable Christians.
- a. Most people want God to heal them first, then they will believe they are healed.

19. So where is the power of God?

a. It is lying dormant in believers.

20. Ones who:

a. Won't speak up and speak out concerning the things of God.

b. Are in church but disqualify a person because of their opinion of them.

c. Sit there and are bored or itching to leave when an altar call is given.

d. Who during an altar call have to get up, move around instead of being reverent and prayerful.

e. Shows their lack of concern while others are being prayed for.

f. Feel it is a waste of their time after they got prayed for because they don't feel any different.

g. Question God more than when they choose to believe.

h. Do not believe that the power of God is for today.

i. Refuse, unwilling to accept the reality of God's power for today.

REASON #2 STORYTELLING PREACHERS

21. The other part of the problem are the preachers of today.

2 Peter 1:16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

2 Peter 1:16 (NLT) For we were not making up clever stories when we told you about the power of our Lord Jesus Christ and his coming again. We have seen his majestic splendor with our own eyes.

22. Preachers that are just telling stories. God doesn't confirm stories, He confirms the Gospel.

a. They talk about everything but God.

23. Now, you can be with a story telling preacher and still see God move. But, that's not because of the preacher, it's because of the faith of the responding believer.

a. Ask any Gentile in the Scripture who approached Jesus and got a miracle without ever hearing Him preach.

REASON #3 FEAR DOMINATED BELIEVERS

2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

24. That word power is the same word "*dunamis*" that we have been studying.

25. You are either submitting to the Holy Spirit of God, or you are submitting to the satanic spirit of fear.

26. How can you tell which one has dominion in your life?

2 Timothy 1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

Ashamed - Gk - *epaischunomai* - to feel shame for something; to feel humiliated or distressed by an awareness of wrong or foolish behavior.

a. Meaning that you will feel embarrassed and looked upon if nothing happens like you think it should.

b. You will feel distressed because you are more convinced that it may not be God and you are afraid you're going to miss it.

Ashamed - a loss of respect or esteem.

- a. Meaning that you're more worried how you will look in the eyes of others and their opinion of you than you are for the person being prayed for.

Ashamed - a regrettable or unfortunate thing.

- a. This is where you wrestle and question if anything happened after you have prayed for a person.

Ashamed - to feel disqualified or under qualified.

- a. This happens because you compare yourself to how others do it and their rate of success.

27. In this verse, Paul shows Timothy three things that empowers fear to dominate.

#1 **Ashamed of the testimony** - the testimony is the Gospel.

- a. Closet, compromising Christians.
- b. They would rather compromise with the world than take a stand for Jesus.

#2. **Nor of me, his prisoner** - this is where you question the man / woman of God assigned to your life or the one praying for you at that moment.

a. "Did you hear the rumor, the gossip, the slander about Pastor..."

b. "My Pastor plays video games instead of golf, he needs to grow up..."

#3. **Be thou partaker of the afflictions** - afflictions show that Paul is talking about hard and difficult times.

a. Partakers means going through hard and difficult times together.

b. See when a church goes through some difficulties; financially, rumors are flaring, accusations are flying, jealousy is running its course, people bail.

1. Anytime a ship begins to take on water, the rats are the first to leave.

c. Paul is talking about loyalty and standing together.

d. Isn't it funny how it can affect the power of God?

2 Timothy 1:8 (NLT) So you must never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me, either, even though I'm in prison for Christ. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the

proclamation of the Good News.

2 Timothy 1:7-8 (MSG) ¹⁷¹ **God doesn't want us to be shy with his gifts, but bold and loving and sensible. ¹⁸¹ So don't be embarrassed to speak up for our Master or for me, his prisoner. Take your share of suffering for the Message along with the rest of us. We can only keep on going, after all, by the power of God,**

28. Fear will use any avenue it can to infest the life of a person.

29. So where is the power of God?

a. It is inside every believer being suppressed by the spirit of fear.

30. And fear stays empowered by the multitude of questions and “what if” scenarios.

REASON #4 PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE

2 Thessalonians 1:11 **Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness,**

and the work of faith with power:

31. Here we see four more reasons why there is no power operating in the life of church folks today:

#1. **God would count you worthy** - many people have low to no self esteem that they disqualify themselves from the blessings and benefits of God.

#2. **This calling** - very few people will say “yes” to Jesus and get involved in their church.

a. Why would God empower someone to do nothing?

b. “Wow, that is one anointed sinner, look how they just sit there...”

#3. **Fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness** - meaning that you are cooperating with the Spirit of God to make you someone that God can count on.

a. All things were created for his pleasure, including you.

#4. **Work of faith** - that’s what it all boils down to, the power of God is manifested because of the presence of faith.

a. That’s why wolves in sheep’s clothing and hucksters can have powerful altar calls. Because of the faith of the people that are present, not the character of the preacher.

b. No faith when there is no Word.

32. So a person’s personal perspective hinders the power.

33. When you deem yourself disqualified, not doing or volunteering for service, refusing to let the Holy Spirit work in your life and you lack faith, it robs you of the opportunity to have the power of God flowing in your life.

REASON #5 YOU’RE NOT SURE IF IT’S GOD

34. Here’s a primary concern.

2 Thessalonians 2:9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

35. Some people are not sure if it is God or satan.

2 Thessalonians 2:9 (NLT) This evil man will come to do the work of Satan with counterfeit power and signs and miracles.

36. So most church folks have developed satan consciousness than God consciousness.

a. Evidenced by fear and questions instead of faith and confessions.

Ephesians 2:2 (NLT) You used to live just like the rest of the world, full of sin, obeying Satan, the mighty prince of the power of the air. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.

37. When a person refuses to obey God, they are choosing to live like the did before they got saved.

2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

38. Sometimes we are afraid it’s the flesh talking to us, our heads.

2 Corinthians 4:7 (NLT) But this precious treasure—this light and power that now shine within us—is held in perishable containers, that is, in our weak bodies. So everyone can see that our glorious power is from God and is not our own.

39. But, that is what God has chosen, our weak flesh to manifest His mighty power.

Ephesians 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

40. It's going to be God doing it through you.

Ephesians 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

41. Most people are not asking for the power. They are questioning where the power is.

42. But we are told in this verse that when we ask, he will go beyond our expectations.

Daniel 11:32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

Exploits - to make good use of a resource; to make use of an unfairly; to benefit unjustly from the work of another; to do bold and daring feats / acts / works.

a. Meaning that Jesus paid the price but you get the benefits.

43. It comes from the Latin word "explicare," meaning to "unfold."

a. You are unfolding the plans and purposes of God by walking in the power.

44. Is there anyone who is ready to stand up for Jesus and willing to be a vessel that God can use to demonstrate His power?

a. God has empowered you already.

b. You make the first move. He'll work with you according to your level of faith.

1. According to the Word of God, everyone I have prayed for has been healed.

2. According to their faith and mine, not everyone is walking in the fullness of their healing.

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