

THE POWER OF ONE MINUTE

It's Monday morning and you're a Christian. You're wondering how being a Christian makes a difference in your life or in the life of anyone around you. You seem to be a slave to all of the demands on you. You have very little choice. Your life is a demanding taskmaster. You know you are to "seek first the kingdom of God, (Matt. 6:33)" but the demands of life warn you that disaster awaits if you neglect them. The job, the kids, the bills, the chores and all demand that you get them done. Some days it seems that there is nothing left. Where is the time for meaningful Bible study? Where is the time for devotion? Where is the time for meaningful training of the children? You want to be able to say that you spent an hour each day in deep Bible study and you feel guilty for not doing it. You want to be able to say that you spent significant time in prayer but you keep getting interrupted: the phone, the baby, the dog... And when are you to see about your neighbor and the widows and the orphans and world evangelism and personal work? Is there an answer? Can I be a Christian and meet all of those other demands? Can I actually have a meaningful Christian life?

The answer that will utterly and forever change your life and the lives of those around you is this: The most powerful tool you have at your disposal is "one minute."

Before you think I've cheated you for reading this far, let me illustrate. If you hire an employee to do a simple job, say, answering the phone, and a few months later you observe that she is able to do so much more. She deserves a raise. How did she become so much more valuable. She had a job to do. The answer is, she took a minute. Just a minute here and there. She learned all of the answers she need to know on the phone. She learned what the company was all about. She learned much of the specialized vocabulary of the industry. She learned skills to streamline her job. She found better ways of doing things. She does things faster and better and has expanded her job description because she "took a minute." Of course, when she "took a minute" she knew she'd be interrupted by the phone a hundred times but she got back to it because she thought it was important.

A young mother does the same thing. She has a question about her baby or cooking a meal and she takes a minute to call her mother or do a web search or consult a book and finds the answer. She is interrupted a hundred times but finally she has the answer. The difference in her skill level between the first child and the second is remarkable. She just "took a minute." While I've got your attention, RIGHT NOW, bookmark this Daily Bible Reading link (Ctrl+D). You may not like to read the ESV but you can use it a reference to guide your reading in the KJV or other translation. Just click and today's reading is right there. Yes, I know, you won't always get it done, but sometimes you will and you'll get better at it.

Here's where the real power of "taking a minute" is. SOMETIMES a minute stretches to two, five or even ten minutes. Don't let failure to do the unrealistic (hour long Bible study) keep you from doing the realistic. I know you don't live in a monastery or nunnery. I think you're smart enough to see where this principle will apply to other areas you're not doing well in right now. Some of the things we are to do in our Christian life involve opportunity. You just have to take a minute when it's there in front of you. Jesus healed when someone that needed healing was presented, whether incidentally or planned. He "took a minute" and answered questions when asked. Planning wasn't necessary or possible.

So, can you do ONE MINUTE of Bible reading today. No, don't get out the kitchen timer, you want one minute to stretch to two. Focus on what you CAN do. You CAN read the Bible for ONE MINUTE.

AUGUST: BIRTHDAYS: 5-Shirley Butler, 6-Greg McClain, 9-Charlie Wachsmuth, 10-Shan De Priest, 16-Dalton Moore, 19-Micky Keen, 23-Eli Bryant, 25-Nick Bryant, 28-Kyle Foster, 28-Dylan Holt, 28-Nina Long, 30-Annie Wachsmuth, 31-Ella-Marie Rogers

ANNIVERSARIES: 3-Steve & Rita Foster, 8-Joe & Shirley Butler, 14-Terry & Mary Jo Hall, 15-Tim & Wendy Rogers
21-Charlie & Annie Wachsmuth

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

We must hear the word of God. Romans 10:17

We must believe the word of God. Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; Mark 16:15-16

We must repent of our sins. Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

We must confess Christ before men. Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

We must be immersed for the remission of our sins. Acts 2:38; 22:16; I Peter 3:21

We must live faithfully until death. Revelation 2:10; Romans 12:1-2

•THOSE TO SERVE – AUGUST LIST IN FOYER

(Please check for your assignment and PLEASE contact one of the Deacons if you know you are going to be absent on that date).

SHUT-INS /NURSING HOME:

Martha Nell Reed, Lakeside Retirement Community, 390 Dr. Smith Lane, McKenzie 38201

Elvy Sauls Jr., Life Care of Bruceton, 105 Rowland Ave., Bruceton 38317

PRAYER REQUESTS Sharon Wright had surgery Friday for wisdom teeth; Funeral services for Marjorie Cox, 97, were last Monday; Wanda Smith continues to struggle, Penny Warren has been having tests, Toni Wallace, Mandy's mom-, Toni Wallace-Cardiac Stress test; Marty Bennett, Lou Burnine, Shawn Lovelace, George Aylor; Kaffie Green Kristie Deruiter, Gary Wallace, Lacey Appleton, Carnell McAlister, Christopher Dunavan, Jimmy McClain; Dwayne Bateman; Sybil Hamilton, Tom Aden, Doris Haskell, Mary Bryant, Tim Rogers, Charlotte Russell, Harold Hutcherson, Charles Foster, Vicki Murphy (Lexington), Mike Lane, Ruth Bennett, Heather Harris, Chris Bowers; Aaron Sutton; Valerie Allen

CANCER: Brent Cox, Dan Foster, Jane Woodson, Ray Box, Denise Clemmer, Kenneth Foster, Joe Gordon, Linda Cherry; Jackie Smith, Keith Inman. Lynn Harrison, Deborah Browning; Hattie Brinkley Berry, Christine Johnson, Jimmy Greene, Lalanie Murphy

(If you requested that someone be added to the prayer list please provide update. Names normally remain on prayer list for 1 month, unless requested to remain)

Trezevant church of Christ, 114 Church St., Trezevant, TN 38258, 731-669-3448, Tim Rogers, Minister

Services:

Sunday Morning

Bible Study: 9:00 a.m.

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Evening: 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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MISSIONS: Partners in Africa; West TN Children's Home

AUGUST '18

DATES	WEEK OF 08/05	WEEK OF 08/12	WEEK OF 08/19	WEEK OF 08/26	
PREPARE LORD'S SUPPER	STEVE FOSTER	STEVE FOSTER	STEVE FOSTER	STEVE FOSTER	
GREET	THE WRIGHTS	THE WRIGHTS	THE WRIGHTS	THE WRIGHTS	
POWERPOINT	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	
OPENING PRAYER SUNDAY A.M.	DALE BALLENTINE	DALE ADEN	SHERRILL SMITH	JOHN HENRY LONG	
LEAD SINGING SUNDAY A.M.	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT	DAVID BRYANT	
PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER	DAVID BRASHER	DAVID BRASHER	DAVID BRASHER	DAVID BRASHER	
PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER	TERRY HALL	TERRY HALL	TERRY HALL	TERRY HALL	
SERVE LORD'S SUPPER	STEVE FOSTER JACK LAWRENCE NORRIS DEPREIST DANIEL ROGERS	STEVE FOSTER JACK LAWRENCE NORRIS DEPREIST DANIEL ROGERS	STEVE FOSTER JACK LAWRENCE NORRIS DEPREIST DANIEL ROGERS	STEVE FOSTER JACK LAWRENCE NORRIS DEPREIST DANIEL ROGERS	
SCRIPTURE READING SUNDAY A.M.	MONTE PAUL MORRIS	DYLAN HOLT	STEVE FOSTER	JOSHUA BRASHER	
CLOSING PRAYER SUNDAY A.M.	JACOB KEEN	NOAH BRASHER	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	STEVE FOSTER	
OPENING PRAYER SUNDAY P.M.	GREG MCCLAIN	DAVID BRYANT	JOHN HENRY LONG	DALE ADEN	
LEAD SINGING SUNDAY P.M.	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	DALE BALLENTINE	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	DALE BALLENTINE	
SCRIPTURE READING SUNDAY P.M.	JACK LAWRENCE	DANIEL ROGERS	MARK WRIGHT	NOAH BRASHER	
CLOSING PRAYER SUNDAY P.M.	NOAH BRASHER	JACOB PEEVYHOUSE	DALE BALLENTINE	KEITH PEEVYHOUSE	
OPENING PRAYER WEDNESDAY	AUG 1 STEVE FOSTER	AUG 08 SHERRILL SMITH	AUG 15 DAVID BRYANT	AUG 22 DALE ADEN	AUG 29 DALE BALLENTINE
LEAD SINGING WEDNESDAY	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT	NICK BRYANT
DEVOTIONAL WEDNESDAY	TIM ROGERS	MARK WRIGHT	DALE BALLENTINE	STEVE FOSTER	DAVID BRYANT
CLOSING PRAYER WEDNESDAY	JACOB KEEN	JOSHUA BRASHER	NOAH BRASHER	DYLAN HOLT	JACK LAWRENCE