

Read through the Bible in 2016!

(Submitted by Mike McKnight)

Suggested chapters to read so that we might read through the entire Bible during 2016! **This week's "schedule":**

- **Day 60** - Numbers 14-15; Psalm 90 Monday
- **Day 61** - Numbers 16-17 Tuesday
- **Day 62** - Numbers 18-20 Wednesday
- **Day 63** - Numbers 21-22 Thursday
- **Day 64** - Numbers 23-25 Friday
- **Day 65** - Numbers 26-27 Saturday
- **Day 66** - Numbers 28-30 Sunday

For Your Information...

Business meeting: next Sunday March 13 at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday Meeting Sermons: are now on the church's website!
Thanks Mike.

March Birthdays

2 Gonzalo Medina 8 Drina Zamarripa 18 Buddy Cashion
4 Joseph McKnight 9 Jessica Aguiar 30 Barrett Hoffman

March Anniversaries

6 Harold & Dortha Gentry
24 Chuck & Pat Limburg

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Motivated...?

Now that our meeting is over...

Good Intentions do not Save Souls

By Edsel Burleson

Mark Brinkerhoff said, "There is no such thing as a born hard-worker, a born salesman, or a born genius. We are all born ignorant, with innate underdeveloped abilities. What we do with these underdeveloped abilities is up to us. We can't afford to merely let things happen. If we want to be successful, we have to make things happen."

One of the outstanding features of the Book of Acts is the fact that Luke did not record the good intentions of the New Testament church; but he did record many of their good acts. Instead of thinking about what should be done, and arguing about the best way to do it, they were motivated to put their thoughts to work. There can be no doubt that this was one of the primary reasons for the growth enjoyed by the early church.

A church that has put its intentions to work has little time for discord among brethren. Unconcern and lukewarmness are unable to get started. Trouble just does not have any place to start. Abilities used will bring more opportunities for service; unused, they soon lose their power.

An aqueduct was built in Segovia in A.D. 09. For 1800 years, that aqueduct carried sparkling water to hot and dusty Segovians. About the turn of the century, thoughtful Spaniards decided that the aqueduct should be preserved for posterity and should be relieved of its age-old labor. So, they laid modern pipelines and stopped the flow that for all those years gushed and gurgled in the aqueduct. Soon after this the aqueduct began to fall apart. The blazing sun dried the mortar and made it crumble. Its stones sagged and fell; soon it lay in ruins. What ages of service could not destroy, idleness rapidly disintegrated.

"Doing" is continually stressed by the Lord. James declared: *"But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man is blessed in his deed"* (James 1:25).

**Two brothers once lived down this way,
and one was Do and the other Say.
If streets were dirty, taxes high,
Or schools were crowded, Say would cry:
"My what a town," but brother Do
Would set out to work and make things new.
And while Do worked, Say would cry:
"He does it wrong- I know that I
could do it right." So all the day
Was heard the clank of brother Say.
But this one fact from none was hid-
Say always talked, and Do always did.**

An Egg or a Tennis Ball?

By Daniel Hope

You may have had the unpleasant experience of learning first-hand what an egg does when it hits the floor. It bursts. A tennis ball, on the other hand, bounces back up when it hits the ground.

There is not a single person reading this article who has never made a mistake - who has never fallen. A distinction is made in the way we react to a fall. Some, like the egg, burst, while others, like the tennis ball, bounce back.

For example, Judas was overcome with grief and took his own life after he betrayed his Lord. Peter, though, after he denied Jesus, went on to become a great leader in the early church. You see, when Judas fell he burst like an egg. But Peter responded to his fall like a tennis ball - he bounced back.

Successful people are people who are able to bounce back from failure. General George Patton once stated, Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom. When asked the secret to his success, Paul Harvey responded, I get up when I fall down. Basically, success is getting up one more time than you fall down. I'm sure the following people would agree with me:

- Kristi Yamaguchi won the gold medal in the 1992 Winter Olympics after falling down in the middle of one of her routines.
- Michael Jordan, perhaps the greatest basketball player of all time, got cut from his high school basketball team and missed 9,000 shots in his NBA career, 26 of which lost the game for his team.
- Abraham Lincoln, this country's most popular president, lost 8 elections, failed in business twice, and had a nervous breakdown.
- Walt Disney got fired from a newspaper for lack of ideas.
- It was said of Fred Astaire after his first screen test, He can't act, he's slightly bald, but he can dance a little.
- Babe Ruth struck out 1,330 times in his career.
- Macy failed in business 7 times before his department store caught on.
- Henry Ford went broke 5 times prior to his Model T.
- Just think of all the light bulbs Thomas Edison blew up before he found one that actually stayed lit!

Much like these successful individuals, those who are successful in living the Christian life need to learn how to get up when they fall down. The two greatest preachers in the early church - Peter and Paul - both had a past full of failure. The secret to their success lies in the statement Paul made: *"Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 3:13-14). Their lives teach us that a sinful past can be the black velvet on which the diamond of God's forgiving grace is displayed.

Never forget: grace is greater than guilt. Forgiveness is greater than failure. Paul warned the Corinthian Christians, *"Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall"* (1 Corinthians 10:12). Let's also remember the other side of that coin: Let him who has fallen take heed lest he not stand back up.

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13