

“ROUTINE BIBLE READING REAPS SUPERNATURAL RESULTS, PART 2”

TOPICAL

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1. How has life in America changed most notably since the time when your grandparents or great-grandparents were children? How has this improved life? What negative side-effects has this brought? How has this affected our walks with the Lord, and specifically routine spiritual disciplines such as Bible reading and private prayer? _____

2. Imagine the lifespan of a generic Christian *without* regular Bible reading. What challenges, temptations, blessings, etc. might he/she anticipate? Now imagine the same generic Christian’s lifespan *with* regular Bible reading. What are some of the more obvious differences we would expect to see? _____

3. Galatians 6:9 encourages us to persevere in sowing to the Spirit and to not give up. What factors tempt us to throw in the towel in doing those things which please the Lord? Be as specific as possible. _____

4. For years we’ve been hearing that the lifestyles of professing Christians are virtually indistinguishable from those of non-Christians. When it comes to divorce, adultery, pornography use, drunkenness, etc., there are no observable differences. In the sermon, however, Pastor Tim shared the results of a recent survey comparing the lifestyles of “doctrinally grounded” Christians with those of non-Christians.¹ What were the results of this survey? Should we be surprised? Why or why not? How should we then live and minister? _____

5. Share some suggestions (both from your own experience and the sermon) for making routine Bible reading a regular habit in your life. What can we do to make it both easy enough to actually do regularly and yet challenging enough to encourage growth? _____

6. What one thing most stood out to you from the sermon and why? _____

¹ <https://www.barna.com/research/a-biblical-worldview-has-a-radical-effect-on-a-persons-life/>