

# Hindrances To Bible Study

# Motivation is important

Spiritual hindrances are always serious

- Acts 8:36, salvation
- Gal.5:7, apostasy
- 1 Pt.3:7, prayer

# I. What Hinders Profitable Bible Study?

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- Apathy. Gn.3. Judges. Ho.4:6
- Full schedules.
  - Too busy for God.
  - 1 K.3, promise; 10, practice / Ec.1-2
    - Mt.6:33, seek first
    - Col.3:1-2, seek above

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  - Ac.14:23, urgent
  - What if lose elders?
  - What if young men do not train in youth?

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  - ‘I tried but could not understand Bible.’
  - ‘I got nothing out of it.’
  - Ac.18:26

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  - ‘Some day...’
  - ‘I don’t have time...’ Ep.5:16

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  - ‘I know all I need to know...’ Rv.3:17



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- Slow progress. Ec.12:1.

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  2. Ridicule.
  3. Science replaced God.
  4. Slavery. (God condoned...)
    - a. Free will (moderns demand it)
    - b. Gn.4
    - c. Polygamy. Ac.17:30
    - d. Gn.1-2, image of God
    - e. Ex.21:1-6

Gal.3:28  
Ep.6:9  
Philemon

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  5. Women.
    - a. Dt.24, safeguards to protect women
    - b. Paul hated women? ...oppressed?
    - c. NT condemned female infanticide...
    - d. Pagan critics (Celsus, Lucian) . . .

I. What Hinders Profitable Bible Study?

**II. Why Should I Get  
Serious About Study?**

◆ Cannot grow without it

• 1 Pt.2:2

◆ Remain in spiritual infancy without it

• Hb.5:11-14

◆ Ineffective without it

• 2 Tim.3:16-17 . . . 2 Pt.1:21

# Conclusion

- Assignment: every night . . .
  - Read ... Consider ... Write notes on Gal.1:1-12

**Look closely:** *what is this saying?*

**Learn conclusively:** *what does it mean?*

**Life challenge:** *what do I need to do?*