

Otisville Church of Christ
Bible Study Guide for March 18-24, 2012
Ephesians 5:22-6:9 and Mark 12:38-44

Sunday – Read Ephesians 5:22-6:9 and Mark 12:38-44

1. What did you find most profitable in these scriptures? Why?
2. What did you find most profitable in today's sermons? Why?
3. How will you apply what you learned?

Prayer focus: For wisdom to understand God's word and to apply it to your life.

Monday – Read Ephesians 5:22-6:9

1. How does the initial command in this passage link back to previous commands given by Paul?
2. What does this indicate about how we should understand this passage?
3. Notice how the specific commands are tied into specific points of doctrine (5:22, 25). What does this pattern teach us about God?
4. How does the summary verse (5:33) reach back to previous commands in this letter?
5. What do you most struggle with in the teaching in this passage?

Prayer focus: For God's help to be aware of your family life and the areas you and your family need to grow in.

Tuesday – Read Ephesians 5:22-6:9 (5:22-33)

1. What is the command to wives? What is the doctrine given for this command?
2. What is the command to husbands? What is the doctrine given for this command?
3. Who receives the longer form of the command? Is this important?
4. Are the commands to either wives or husbands qualified or absolute?
5. In which areas of your marriage do you need to grow?
6. If you are not married, what does this passage teach you about how you need to grow?

Prayer focus: For godly marriages.

Wednesday – Read Ephesians 5:22-6:9 (6:1-9)

1. Why are children to obey?
2. What is the role of fathers in the household?
3. What commands are servants and masters to obey?
4. Which category most applies to you and how will you obey this command?

Prayer focus: Pray for another family, for growth and godliness.

Thursday – Read Mark 12:38-44 (38-40)

1. What is the warning Jesus gives in this passage?
2. What problem did Jesus identify with the scribes in 12:35-37?
3. What is the problem with the scribes, according to 12:38-40?
4. What do these passages teach that is relevant to Jesus' rebuke of the scribes: Ezekiel 22:25; Micah 3:1-4, 11; Malachi 3:5?
5. Are you guilty of "scribal" behavior? What did you learn from this passage about your own life of faith?

Prayer focus: For greater faith.

Friday – Read Mark 12:38-44 (41-44)

1. Did Jesus criticize or condemn the rich people?
2. Did he encourage all believers to give away everything they have?
3. What is the specific point he made about the widow?
4. How does this passage illustrate (both negatively and positively) what Jesus taught in Mark 12:28-44?
5. Have you ever sacrificed to give something to God?
6. Is there something now that you need to sacrifice to serve God?

Prayer focus: For a stronger faith that is willing to sacrifice for God.

Saturday – Read Ephesians

1. What are the main themes of these sections of scripture?
2. How do these sections of scripture develop and extend the teaching from the earlier sections you studied this week?
3. How do they help you prepare for Sunday worship?

Prayer focus: To be prepared to hear the word of the Lord on Sunday.

Notes