

You Will Be Blessed

Revelation 1:3

- A. Think of things you are glad you did, even though you initially did not want to do them.
 - 1. Completing a difficult task
 - 2. How about doing something that most Christians avoid doing?
- B. The Bible uses the term b_____ a lot.
 - 1. In Matt 5, Jesus gives nine statements relating to the state of blessedness even though circumstances may be bad.
 - 2. The term refers to a state of satisfaction
- C. Rev 1:3 gives us three ongoing a_____ that, when combined, bring happiness.

Reading Revelation R_____

- A. The ancient practice of reading scripture
 - 1. Old Testament (2 Kgs 22:8-12; 23:1,2) – the entire book of D_____ was read to the people in one sitting.
 - 2. In the s_____ (Lk 4:16; 2 Cor 3:14)
 - 3. In the early c_____ (Col 4:16; 1Tim 4:13).
- B. Since the invention of the printing press, the Bible has become the most w_____ distributed book.
 - 1. You can read the Bible at any time
 - 2. Have you read Revelation? How many times.
- C. The action of reading
 - 1. The Greek text emphasizes an o_____ activity.
 - 2. The Book of Revelation is designed to be understood after s_____ readings.
 - a. Rev 2:11 speaks of the second d_____ but does not explain it until Rev 20:14.
 - b. Rev 11:8 introduces the b_____ but does not explain this character until Rev 13.
- D. Challenge – get ready to be blessed
 - 1. Read all of Revelation this week and the next
 - 2. Suggestion – Break it down according to the series of visions given John.
 - a. Chapters 1-3 – The Seven Churches
 - b. Chapters 4-11 – From Creation to the Second Coming

- c. Chapters 12-16 – From Christ’s First Coming to His Second Coming
- d. Chapters 17-20 – From Babylon’s Judgment to the New World
- e. Chapters 21-22 – The New World

Listening to Revelation A _____

- A. The word “hear” (NLT translates as l_____)
 - 1. Is in a tense that emphasizes being a _____
 - 2. Notice that the end of every letter to the seven churches end with *The one who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.*
- B. Not everyone who hears the reading may be listening.
 - 1. Your mind can d_____ (if this happens while you are reading, go back and read it again)
 - 2. You may have wrong a _____ that keep you from really listening.
 - 3. You may drift into s_____ that will take your attention away from God’s word.
 - 4. You may put yourself at the mercy of a human t_____ rather than the Holy Spirit (human teachers are God’s instruments not God’s final authority).
- C. The Holy Spirit teaches you when you are giving him your f_____ attention.

Applying Revelation D _____

- A. The action of heeding (KJV – *keep*; NIV - *take to heart*; NLT – *obey*)
 - 1. It is more than just accumulating k_____
 - 2. It is the action of a _____ the words of Revelation to our own lives.
 - 3. The tense used in the Greek emphasizes ongoing application or diligence.
- B. The contents of Revelation are described as the word of the prophecy.
 - 1. We often assume that prophecy is about the f_____
 - 2. Prophecy can also be about the p_____ or the p_____

3. Prophecy is defined in 2Pet 1:21 as a Holy Spirit inspired message that comes directly from G_____ and is not a product of human w_____.
4. Diligently apply all the contents of Revelation to your life.

Conclusion:

- A. The reason that these combined activities bring satisfaction is because the time is n_____
 - a. There are two Greek words translated as time
 - 1) Chronos – refers to a l_____ of time whether specified or not (Matt 2:7,17; Acts 1:6)
 - 2) Kairos – refers to the n_____ of time filled with an event or events (e.g. harvest time – Matt 13:30; the right time – Rom 5:6)
 - b. Rev 1:3 uses the word kairos and therefore refers to the time of f_____
- B. From the standpoint of John and his original readers the time or season of fulfillment was near (see Rev 2:10) but from our standpoint it is h_____. We are blessed because we are living in the season of fulfillment!
- C. Are you ready to be blessed?