

How to keep up the scriptures

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:19; 7:21-27

Scripture should not be read as a mere custom or for the sake of knowledge, rather it has to be applied in our life practically and it should be intended towards changing our life according to its counsel.

I would like to place two groups of people before you. The first group are those who work out miracles in the name of Jesus, who prophecy and chase out demons. A few of those have not kept the words of God but healings and miracles are wrought through them. The second group are those who keep the words of God.

Who among them will enter the kingdom of heaven? Jesus said that those who have followed the scriptures will enter the kingdom of heaven. Do not rejoice in this that the spirits are subject unto you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven (Luke 10:20).

Those who walk according to the scriptures will be first and the best (Deuteronomy 28:14). All that they do will prosper (Psalms 1:3). They will bring forth much fruit (John 15:10&11). They can be the disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ (John 8:31).

How can we grow in the practice of following the scriptures?

Examine yourself with the below questions.

What were the convictions I had from the scripture portion I read?

What are the changes required in me? What are the commandments that have to be followed in the scriptures I read? What are the promises that I can inherit?

Rather than reading the scriptures just for the sake of knowledge, we have to read it to practically follow and change our life according to its teachings.

Questions:

1. Why should we read the scriptures?
2. For what did Jesus tell us to rejoice?
3. Who will bring forth much fruit?