

THE CHAPEL FAMILY BIBLE READING PROGRAM – JANUARY 4-9
“THE NEW YEAR OFFERS US A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK FORWARD, PUT THE PAST BEHIND AND CHART A NEW COURSE. IT'S A FRESH START. LAST YEAR IS IN THE BOOKS. THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO TO CHANGE IT. THE NEW YEAR IS A CHANCE TO EXAMINE THE REGRETS – CORRECT THE COURSE, AND DETERMINE NOT TO REVISIT THE TWELVE MONTHS FROM NOW”. CARY SCHMIDT

MONDAY: Luke 1: 25-27; Matthew 24:30-31; John 1: 14

KEY VERSE: John 1:14

OBSERVATION: THINK GOD'S GLORY OVER SELF-GRATIFICATION: The more self has, the less it is satisfied. We were created to live for God's glory. We exist to know Him and make Him known. Nothing is more fulfilling to the human heart than knowing God and glorifying Him in this world. *“God is the greatest that exists, ever existed or ever will...for us to glory in anything else would be sin, as there is nothing greater than God, there is no calling greater than praising God.”* John Piper.

TUESDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:17; Isaiah 41: 41:10-11; Romans 8:28-39

KEY VERSE: Corinthians 5:17

OBSERVATION: THINK BECOMING OVER DOING: *“Trying to do the Lords work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting and tedious of all. But when you are filled with the **Holy Spirit** the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you.”* Corrie Ten Boom. If we will focus on **BEING** then God will intervene and touch our doing that it might have maximum impact. **Make sure your “doing” flows from “being”**-- become who God wants you to become, and He will do through you what He wants done.”

WEDNESDAY: I Peter 4:10-11; 2 Corinthians 9: 6-9; Matthew 56:24

KEY VERSE: I Peter 4:10

OBSERVATION: THINK STEWARDSHIP OVER OWNERSHIP: *“At the end of your life on earth you will be rewarded according to how well you handled what God entrusted you to do.”* Rick Warren *“You don't own you. This year is not yours to live. It's your to steward. Your life is a gift from God. It is on loan, and one day you will answer to Him for what you did with “His life.” Every day, every breath, every moment, every relationship is His gift to you. You will either approach this year asking, “What do I want?” Or you will approach this year asking, “God, what do you want?”*

THURSDAY: Proverbs 21:5; Proverbs 24:27; Luke 14:25-35

KEY VERSE: Luke 25: 33

OBSERVATION: THINK INVESTING OVER SPENDING: *“If you “spend” life, you will have less of it a year from now. If you invest life, it will multiply. Spending life looks at the now. Investing looks at the big picture. Spending focuses on me. Investing focuses on others. Spending is a downward cycle of depletion. Investing is an upward cycle of multiplication. Are you a spender or an investor?”*

FRIDAY: John 13:34-35; Matthew 23:37-39; Romans 12:10

KEY VERSE: Romans 12:10

OBSERVATION: THINK RELATIONSHIP OVER PRODUCTIVITY: Think people over process. God loves people, not tasks. He cares about your relationships, not a tick list. Jesus' top two commands are relational; – LOVE GOD, and LOVE ONE ANOTHER. More than anything else, He wants you to have healthy relationships. He wants you to love your spouse, nurture your children, fellowship with your church family, and win others to Jesus by loving them intensely.

SATURDAY: Matthew 5:13-16; I Peter 2:12; I Peter 3:15

KEY VERSE: I Peter 3:15

OBSERVATION: THINK INFLUENCE OVER ACOMPLISHMENT At the end of life, we will discover that we way over-valued our accomplishments and *way undervalued our influence.* We celebrate our achievements, but so often we neglect others in the process. Far more important than your achievements in the New Year is your God-given influence. It is spiritual and eternal; it's the only way to make your life count forever.