

THE CHAPEL FAMILY BIBLE READING PROGRAM – OCTOBER 5-10
AS CHRISTIANS WE ARE CALLED TO BE THE LIVING PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN OUR CIRCLE OF INFLUENCE.

MONDAY: Colossians 4:6; Matthew 5:13-16; Philippians 2:14-16

KEY VERSE: Colossians 4:6

OBSERVATION: WE ARE TO DEMONSTRATE THE FLAVORING AND PRESERVING POWER OF A GODLY INFLUENCE. *“I just believe as a Christian, we are to show love, we are to show compassion to people, not to point the finger, not to do this, but to do this – to love them, to welcome them, to embrace them.”* Franklin Graham. Do your neighbors, friends, co-workers and acquaintances know you are a Christian? What kind of godly influence do you have in their lives?

TUESDAY: I Peter 2:11-12; I Peter 3:1-2

KEY VERSE: I Peter 2:12

OBSERVATION: WE ARE TO DEMONSTRATE THE SAVING POWER OF A GODLY INFLUENCE. One of our goals should be to turn the attention of the lost to the saving power of the gospel. *“The highest form of worship is the worship of unselfish Christian service. The greatest form of praise is the sound of concrete feet seeking out the lost and helpless.”* Billy Graham. List at least 3 ways that you are currently showing by the conduct of your life the saving power of God.

WEDNESDAY: 2 Corinthians 9:1-2; Hebrews 10:19-25

KEY VERSE: Hebrews 10: 24

OBSERVATION: WE ARE TO DEMONSTRATE THE ENCOURAGING POWER OF A GODLY INFLUENCE. *“Christianity is a lifestyle. And being a Christian is more than a label.”* Joyce Meyer. What is your lifestyle like when you are not around other Christians? Outside of the walls of the church do you act differently than when you act inside the walls? In your everyday life, Monday through Saturday, do you **demonstrate** your Christian belief? Are you an **“encouraging”** influence to those you come into contact with? How would you rate your godly influence on others during your everyday life? **1.** Non-existent. **2.** Shallow. **3.** Offensive and judgmental. **4.** A light shining in darkness. **5.** Powerful and effective. Explain your answer.

THURSDAY: I Thessalonians 1:2-10

KEY VERSE: I Thessalonians 1:8

OBSERVATION: WE ARE TO DEMONSTRATE THE EVANGELIZING POWER OF GODLY INFLUENCE. The news of the Thessalonians' conversion spread influencing many others to greater faith. *“The bottom line in the Christian life is obedience and most people don't even like the word.”* Charles Stanley. Define what evangelism means to you. Explain how you use it in your life.

FRIDAY: Hebrews 11:4

KEY VERSE: Hebrews 11:4

OBSERVATION: WE CAN DEMONSTRATE GODLY POWER IN OUR LIFE EVEN AFTER WE HAVE DEPARTED FROM THIS EARTH. Think about the people you know, who are no longer living, but had a powerful and godly influence in your life. Are you extending that legacy to others? What spiritual legacy will you leave behind?

SATURDAY: I Peter 3:13-22

KEY VERSE: I Peter 3:15

OBSERVATION: WE CAN ALWAYS BE PREPARED TO GIVE AN ANSWER FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE. *When the Christian faith becomes defined by who we are and what we do, not by who Christ is and what He did for us, we miss the gospel – and ironically become more disobedient.* Tullian Tchividjian. Are you always prepared to give an answer to anyone who asks about your faith and to whom did you give the credit for your salvation?