

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – May 16-21
**“To Be Yourself In A World That Is Constantly Trying To Make You Something Else
Is The Greatest Accomplishment.” Ralph Waldo Emerson**

MONDAY: I John 4:13-15; Luke 6:46

KEY VERSE: I John 4:15

OBSERVATION: **The authentic Christian confesses Jesus Christ as Lord.** Christianity must begin with a **verbal acknowledgment** of Jesus Christ as the Lord of your life. Are you authentic Christian? **1.** When it is convenient. **2.** Some of the time. **3.** Most of the time. **4.** All the time. **5.** I have some work to do.

TUESDAY: I John 3:9-10; I John 1:8-9

KEY VERSE: I John 3:9

OBSERVATION: **If you are a true Christian, you will be unhappy or miserable when you're sinning.** This does not mean that you will never sin if you are a Christian. But there is a difference between recognizing that you will fail in some way, shape, or form in the future and going on a willful, continual track of sin. Consider the following statement.... *“If you really are a child of God, you will have a sense of discomfort when you sin, because you know in your heart of hearts that what you are doing is wrong.”* Do you agree or disagree? Explain.

WEDNESDAY: I John 5:1-5; John 1:10-13

KEY VERSE: I John 5:1

OBSERVATION: **The authentic Christian enjoys fellowship with other believers.** A true Christian will be around other Christians. Those who isolate themselves from other believers do so at their own peril, because the Bible tells us to **get together, encourage one another, and correct one another** (Hebrews 10:24-25). After all why would God go to your house if you don't go to His? What are your thoughts?

THURSDAY: John 14:15-21; I John 5:3

KEY VERSE: I John 5:3

OBSERVATION: **An authentic Christian obeys the commands of Jesus Christ.** The Bible is full of “*so-called*” rules, but their purpose is not to make our lives miserable. Rather, they protect us from harm. The person who blatantly and continually breaks the commandments of God simply does not know Him. **DO YOU OBEY GOD'S RULES: 1.** 100% **2.** 75% **3.** 50% **4.** 25% of the time?

FRIDAY: I John 2:5; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

KEY VERSE: 2 Timothy 3:16

OBSERVATION: **An authentic Christian loves and obeys the Word of God.** All true disciples will be students of scripture and will walk according to its teaching. This is vital to authentic Christian living. What are your thoughts? Is there room to improve?

SATURDAY: I John 3:1-10

KEY VERSE: I John 3:10

OBSERVATION: Life is too short, the world is too big, and Gods' love is too great to live an ordinary life.” Are you living an ordinary or an exceptional life for God?

Much of this study is from an article posted on-line entitled: **What Makes for an “Authentic” Christian?** By Greg Laurie