

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – April 16-21
Doing Life Together – The Thread of Character

MONDAY: 1 Thessalonians 2:12, Philippians 4:8

KEY VERSE: 2 Peter 1:3

OBSERVATION: These things come to us through His divine power. "Divine power! What stupendous issues are grasped in that term, divine power! It was this which digged the deep foundations of the earth and sea! Divine power, it is this which guides the marches of the stars of heaven! Divine power! it is this which holds up the pillars of the universe, and which one day shall shake them, and hurry all things back to their native nothingness." (Spurgeon)

TUESDAY: Psalm 138:2, Romans 3:4

KEY VERSE: 2 Peter 1:4

OBSERVATION: For these reasons, God's promises are both exceedingly great (in the sense of being large and imposing), and they are precious, in the sense of being valuable. "Many things are great which are not precious, such as great rocks, which are of little value; on the other hand, many things are precious which are not great-such as diamonds and other jewels, which cannot be very great if they be very precious. But here we have promises which are so great, that they are not less than infinite, and so precious, that they are not less than divine." (Spurgeon)

WEDNESDAY: Luke 21:19, Acts 24:25

KEY VERSE: 2 Peter 1:5-7

OBSERVATION: We are partakers of the divine nature, but once we are made spiritual sons and daughters, growth in the Christian life doesn't just happen to us. We are supposed to give all diligence to our walk with the Lord. The scope of the list demonstrates that God wants us to have a well-rounded Christian life, complete in every fashion. We can't be content with an incomplete Christian life. These beautiful qualities are not things that the Lord simply pours into us as we passively receive. Instead, we are called to give all diligence to these things, working in partnership with God to add them.

THURSDAY: John 15:2 & 6, Titus 3:14

KEY VERSE: 2 Peter 1:8-9

OBSERVATION: The words barren and unfruitful characterize the lives of many Christians, who lack these qualities because they lack in their knowledge of God - knowing Him relationally in an increasingly fuller and deeper sense. The word abound means that these qualities are not to be seen in us from time to time but rather should abound in us.

FRIDAY: Romans 11:29, 2 Peter 3:17

KEY VERSE: 2 Peter 1:10-11

OBSERVATION: "There are two ways of entering a port. A ship may come in, waterlogged and crazy, just keep afloat by continual working at the pumps; or it may enter with every sail set, her pennon floating at the mast-head. The latter is what the apostle desires for himself and those who addresses. He desired that an entrance abundant should be ministered unto them." (Meyer) F.B. Meyer also wrote that the idea of an "abundant entrance" was really a choral entrance. The idea was of a Roman conqueror coming into his city, welcomed by singers and musicians who would join him in a glorious, happy procession into the city.

SATURDAY: Colossians 1:5, 1 John 2:21

KEY VERSE: 2 Peter 1:12-13

OBSERVATION: A sports team going for the championship will practice the same fundamentals over and over again. They do this, even though they know the techniques, because they know what is at stake. For this reason, Christians should never get tired hearing the basics of the Christian life. We should rejoice every time Jesus Christ and His gospel and plan for our lives is preached.