

100 MOST IMPORTANT THINGS YOU SHOULD LEARN FROM THE BIBLE

“ And this I pray... That ye may approve things that are excellent”

~ Philippians 1:10

1. Make a List

- a. "100 is a lot" – not really (e.g. songs, players, places, movies, episodes, dishes, books)
- b. "I don't have time!" You are right. This is why you need to do it. It saves you time.
- c. The problem should not be listing 100 things but listing the most important 100 things.
- d. Not a small part of wisdom is being able to discern what is more and less important.
- e. The list is not necessarily the most fun, popular, favorite, controversial, debated.
- f. This a good exercise in discerning, judgment, 'approving things that are excellent'

2. Top 10

- a. Find these important subjects all over important verses Jn 14:6, 2Co 5:21, Ro 3:24, 5:8
- b. Godhead, Jesus Christ, sin, righteousness, forgiveness, faith, grace, salvation, life, truth
- c. These should be the easiest, but much disagreement is found in these.

3. Just as Important

- a. Without these things, there is no reason for Christianity - 1Co 15:1-2,13-14, 2Co 5:18
- b. Hope, justice, resurrection, coming judgment, glory, gospel, love, joy, peace, eternal life
- c. Don't neglect: cross, reconciliation, redemption, sanctification, wisdom, church, prayer
- d. How to grow, progressive revelation, dispensations, God's will, mystery 1Ti 2:4, Eph 3:9

4. What Else?

- a. Consider important people, events, virtues, godly attributes, instructions, fundamentals.
- b. Joseph, Abe, Job, Moses, Sam, David, Solomon, Mary, Peter, John, Paul, Balaam, Judas
- c. Creation, flood, exodus, parable of the sower, Mt 4:4, Jn 8:1-11, disciples prayer, etc.
- d. There are lesser known important things: Israel's promises, fulfilled, captivity, remnant.
- e. Think on these things – Phi 4:8, our walk in Spirit (Spirit?), worthy walk, mind of Christ, fruit of the Spirit, your new identity, position, crucified life, dead to the law, assurance.

5. Systematic Theology

- a. Foreign to dispensationalists (except Chafer and a few others), worthy of consideration.
- b. God's perfect unique and shared attributes – omnipotence, omniscience, holiness.
- c. Bible – inspiration, utilization, preservation, perfection, authority – "thus saith the Lord"
- d. Angels! (Maybe not), but Satan and his wiles are something we ought to beware of.
- e. Christology, Soteriology (salvation) more important than Ecclesiology, Eschatology.

6. Don't Forget

- a. We have not yet begun: Summaries of 66 books, most important chapters, character, words defined, prophecies, proverbs, songs, suffer, giving, marriage, family, rulers
- b. Have you forgotten about your ministry? Col 4:17, 1:29 Evangelism, preaching, teaching, faithfulness, church ministry, eldership, separation, warning, rebuke, correction, restoration, comfort, weaker brothers, charity (bond of perfectness)
- c. Don't forget to rejoice in the Lord always, rejoice evermore – Phi 4:4 (and give thanks)

7. Now What

- a. Recognize what is not on the list is less important (Jabez, shofar, Nephilim, etc.)
- b. You might learn more important things as you grow. Don't forget the most important.
- c. This could be '100 most important Bible studies', do them, teach them, stablish them.
- d. Learning and teaching more important things produces stronger saints, prevents heresy
- e. One month keeps you busy for the next decade. One a week for 2 years.
- f. Go back through the list and write 3-5 things about each item, this is a lifetime.
- g. Appreciate from this list how important Bible is to life. 2 Tim 3:16-17 (d'oh good works)