

AN UNUSED BIBLE

A preacher told the story of being asked to preach a funeral for a certain individual. He was given the person's Bible so that he might use in the funeral service something the person had put in the Bible more than sixty years previous. The preacher commented, *"It was an unused Bible."* I wonder how many people have Bibles that are unused. Such would certainly helps to explain the condition of our country today. We don't read or study our Bibles like we used to. The results of such are obvious to most of us. Just possessing a Bible will not save you.

An unused Bible means that you are not growing as a Christian (II Peter 3:18). When we fail to grow we are vulnerable to false teachers (Matthew 7:15-20). If we fail to grow, then we become carnal (I Corinthians 3:1-3). We have the tendency to possess the works of the flesh instead of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:19-23).

An unused Bible means that we do not know what the will of the Lord is for our lives (Ephesians 5:17). Unless you read what God tells you to do, or someone shows you from the Bible, you cannot know what God would have you to do. Notice what the scriptures told us about the Bereans in Acts 17:11.

An unused Bible means that we are not saving souls. The Christian is to go into all the world and teach all nations (Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 16:15,16). A person cannot teach what they do not know. Is your Bible an unused Bible? —L. Cole

THE SHEPHERD AND THE SHEEP

When one thinks of a shepherd, the thought of Psalm 23 comes to mind. That is a great lesson, but not one we have in mind for this study. We are thinking of the shepherd of John 10:11. Here our Lord identifies Himself as "the good shepherd." None of us doubt the fact of His being just that, "the **good** shepherd." He will speak of several things that concern the shepherd in this chapter that will be of interest to us.

1. HE WILL SPEAK OF "MY SHEEP"

"My sheep hear my voice" (John 10:27). Here our Lord will speak of the relationship that He sustains to those who are His followers. He knows them by name, and they know Him. This represents a close knit relationship between Christ and His people.

2. HE WILL SPEAK OF "MY VOICE"

"My sheep hear my voice" (John 10:27). This speaks of direction. It is by that voice that He will give direction to those who are His followers. It is by that voice that He will give calmness and control to the life of the sheep which are a part of His fold.

3. HE WILL SPEAK OF “HIS HAND”

“Neither shall any pluck them out of my hand” (John 10:28). What a promise! Here are those sheep that follow the Lord and are a part of His fold. They hear His voice. As they do this, they are assured of the Lord’s help. They need not be afraid of what a man might be able to do. No man would be able to destroy that relationship that exists between them and the Son of God.

4. HE WILL SPEAK OF “HIS LIFE”

“I lay down my life for the sheep” (John 10:15). That tells you a lot of things. If you dare doubt His love, then all of that doubt should flee against the background of this statement. Surely nobody would doubt it since the Lord has told us how far He would go in seeking to save the sheep. What price a He paid for our redemption!

That shepherd demands the very best that we can offer. He deserves the best of our lives and our love.

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BE CAREFUL HOW YOU JUDGE

A woman had some time to kill at an airport. Buying a cup of coffee and a small package of cookies, she found her way to an unoccupied table. She was reading the morning paper when she became aware of a rustling at her table.

From behind her, she was flabber-gasted to see a neatly dressed young man helping himself to her cookies. She did not want to make a scene, so she leaned across and took a cookie for herself.

A minute or two passed. More rustling. He was helping himself to another cookie. By the time they were down to the last cookie, she was very angry but could not bring herself to say anything. Then the young man broke the remaining cookie in two, pushed half across to her; ate the other half and left.

Sometime later, when the public address system called for her to present her ticket, she was fuming. Imagine the embarrassment when she opened her handbag and was confronted with her unopened package of cookies. She had been eating his!

Be careful how you judge.

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**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM**

Aug 27, 2017

Co-Coordinator George Clay
Announcements Dallas Eddie

Scriptures Reading..2 Tim 2:15,16 . . .Austin Clay
Song Leader Steve Anderson
Opening Prayer.Jacky Carver, Sr.

Lord's Supper-Preside: Robert Hackett
Serve:, Mitchell Brooks, Ethan Leonard
Justin Draper, Roger Draper,
Closing Prayer Glen Reece

Greeter— Dianna Dillehay & Susanne
Greeter— Glen & Patsy Reece
Greeters: Please be here to greet before services.

Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
.Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon—Rightly Dividing the Word
PM Sermon— Fourth Sunday Singing

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements Dallas Eddie
Song Leader. Steve Anderson
Scripture Reading...Heb. 13:14-15 . .Austin Clay

Opening PrayerMitchell Brooks
Lord's SupperJacky Carver, Sr.
. John William Leonard
Closing PrayerGlen Reece

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcement..... Dallas Eddie
Song Leader George Clay
First Prayer.Jacky Carver, Sr.
Opening Prayer Glen Reece
Closing Prayer Mitchell Brooks

Prepare Communion for AUG

Vickie Cole

Note: If you are not able to fulfill your assignment listed above, **please notify the coordinator** so that he can find a replacement.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Month of August. Collecting School Supplies for DES.

Aug 18-24th. Polishing the Pulpit

Aug 27th. Fellowship Meal

Sept. 2nd. Women's Breakfast

READING SCHEDULE FOR AUG

01 Isa. 18-20	12 Isa. 53-57	22 Jer. 21-23
02 Isa. 21-23	13 Isa. 58-60	23 Jer. 24-26
03 Isa. 24-26	14 Isa. 61-63	24 Jer. 27-29
04 Isa. 27-29	15 Isa. 64-66	25 Jer. 30-32
05 Isa. 30-34	16 Jer 1-3	26 Jer. 33-37
06 Isa. 35-37	17 Jer. 4-6	27 Jer. 38-40
07 Isa. 38-40	18 Jer. 7-9	28 Jer. 41-43
08 Isa. 41-43	19 Jer. 10-14	29 Jer. 44-46
09 Isa. 44-46	20 Jer. 15-17	30 Jer. 47-49
10 Isa. 47-49	21 Jer. 18-20	31 Jer. 50-52
11 Isa. 50-52		