

## MENS LIFE BLOOMINGTON

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

### Study this Book of Instruction | Joshua 1:8

**Overview:** For the past nine months we looked at 15 different core verses (*from a list of 52*) that are important for Christians to know. Today we are going to look back and see how those verses are changing us. Author Mark Moore stated that one of the goals is to help move us from curiosity to confidence. So how confident are you? It's not a quiz, just a reflection question.

**Video:** Core 52 Video or Bible Project Reference: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-nUdAAKu\\_r4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-nUdAAKu_r4)

**Segment Questions:** (References are on back)

- How would you simply answer this question: "Why are you a Christ follower?"
- Two of the stated goals of Core 52 are to 1) Grow closer to God and 2) Develop a better understanding of the Bible. In what way have you seen those two things happen in your life over the past year.

*Read Joshua 1:8*

*Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. NLT*

- Summarize what it is that this verse is saying.
- What are some of the key points that this verse makes?
- As you skim the 15 verses we covered (*on the back*), are there one or more that has helped you "prosper and succeed in all you do"? Or has it helped you grow closer to God?

*Review*

- In the YouVersion Bible App they have a "verse of the day" feature where a person talks for a few minutes about that verse. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7Q\\_Fw5Q\\_Yk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7Q_Fw5Q_Yk)
- Look at the 15 verses we covered this past year and pick one to talk about for a minute or two. You can take an approach that is similar to how Will Coleman just did. (*What does it mean; Illustrate it; How can you apply it*)

**Action Questions:**

- What is your game plan for "Studying this Book of Instruction Continually"?
- How can we be praying for you during our summer break?

**Closing Personal Prayer:**

Lord, it is so wonderful that you have given us a "Book of Instruction" that can guide us through life. Help us meditate on it day and night. We thank you in advance for the blessing that will come.

## The Fifteen Verses that We Covered this Year

**Genesis 1:1** | In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**2 Timothy 2:2** | You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.

**Matthew 5:11-12** | “God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.

**Genesis 1:26** | Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.”

**1 Corinthians 15:14** | And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless.

**Mark 2:27-28** | Then Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people, and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord, even over the Sabbath!”

**Psalms 1:1-2** | Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night.

**Revelation 21:1-3** | Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them.

**Matthew 6:9-15** | Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don’t let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

**Philippians 4:6** | Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

**Matthew 16:24-25** | Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.

**Ephesians 2:8** | God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

**Philippians 4:6** | Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

**John 10:28** | I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me,

**Mark 10:45** | For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”