

Study to show...

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It never ceases to amaze me what some people find interesting and how academia has taken this interest to absurd levels . We have all heard how tax payer's money is being used to fund study projects on all manner of studies which seem to have little, or no, value other than being *interesting*.

Paul encountered a similar culture when he ventured into Athens, as we read in Acts 17:21.

Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

So, here is something new that I learned just this past week. Did you know that, if you are one who likes to dunk your Oreos in milk, science can now enlighten you as to exactly how long you should dunk that sweet delight? That's right; it has been scientifically proven that the optimum dunk duration needed to produce the ultimate bite of oreo, is three seconds. I cannot believe that I lived these 68 years without knowing that fact!

So what is it that interests you? What do you study? What are you willing to give to have a better grasp of how and why things work? Paul encouraged Timothy to... *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* 2 Timothy 2:15. This is the King James version and in the New King James version it reads, *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.* I think we get the point that there is value in study when the object of our study has the power to bring us into a satisfying and rewarding relationship with God.

Does anyone know what is the optimum amount of time to immerse oneself in God's Word?



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WELCOME!

<u>Sunday</u>	Bible Class- 9:30 a.m. Worship- 10:30 a.m.
<u>Tuesday</u>	Ladies Bible Class- 10:00 a.m.
<u>Thursday</u>	Home Bible study-7:00pm

ALL THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST
GREET YOU.
ROMANS 16:16

Today's Sermon: *You Call That Living?*

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Scripture: 1 Peter 1:22-25

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Ladies Class: has been suspended for the summer. We will resume after Labor Day in September. Watch this space!**
- **Midweek Bible study Thursday nights at 7pm.**
- **Vacation Bible School based on the life of Peter: Saturday, August 19th.**



- ✓ **Next potluck: Next Sunday, August 20th. This potluck will be a picnic at the park up the road concluding the VBS. There will be burgers and dogs on the barbecue, so we will need chips, salads and other picnic-type sides.**



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- ✓ **WE NEED COOKIES** for the **VBS on SATURDAY**, as well as drinks or other contributions.



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- ✓ Nate, Kelly and children are living in their new home now. Their new address is: 124 Jacklyn Rd., Sayre, PA 18840.
- ✓ Larry Krause, Arthur and Sam have been spending long days knocking on doors to invite kids to VBS and to set up Bible studies and invite people to worship with us. The troops from Kittanning will be arriving this week to continue door knocking. If anyone wants to join in, talk to Arthur.
- ✓ We have had a second opportunity to try to purchase a building for worship in the Valley Cities. We are hoping to be able to invite interested brethren to tour the property today following worship.
- ✓ Welcome home, Lani!

PRAYERS...

- Pray for all of our family members and loved ones who are yet lost or have strayed far away to come (back) to Christ.
- Vicki Joice, Darlene's sister, will have her 4th and final round of chemo on Wednesday. Pray that she will have no further problems with lymph edema in her arm and that she feels well as she begins the new teaching year.
- Pray for Lori Kashorek as she is also preparing for a new school year with her music students. Pray that her lung cancer stays contained and there will be no more spreading.
- Emily Barry will be in Sayre at Guthrie on Monday, the 21st to consult with her surgeon about removal of her thyroid. Then, on Wednesday, the 23rd she will have a further mammogram using a different lens to check out an irregularity that was detected in her routine test a few weeks ago. Please pray for her about these concerns.
- Ruthie was feeling weak and nauseous yesterday, which kept her from enjoying a riverside walk with her brother Jim and his wife Deborah, who are visiting from FL.
- Please remember Kiley and Thomas Dolan in prayer concerning the situation with their mother.
- Darlene is dealing with a few digestive problems: she has Barrett's esophagus, plus a problem with her food not digesting properly at the stomach level. She is hoping to be able to improve both problems with medication. Pray that she can feel better before her new teaching job starts.
- Tim Bump is looking for a different job, and needs prayer to help him deal with problems in his life.
- Kevan Barry left for Kuwait yesterday, and plans to return to the US in mid December. Pray for his safety as he flies missions over there, and for his family as they carry on at home.
- Continue to pray for the work in Tunkhannock.