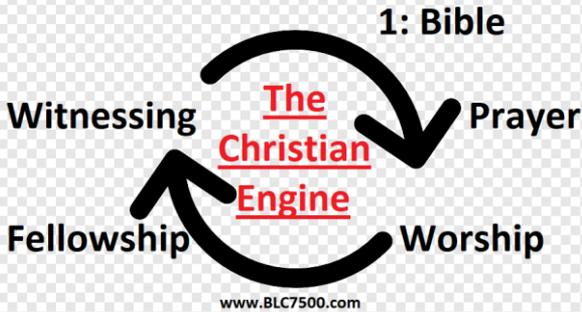
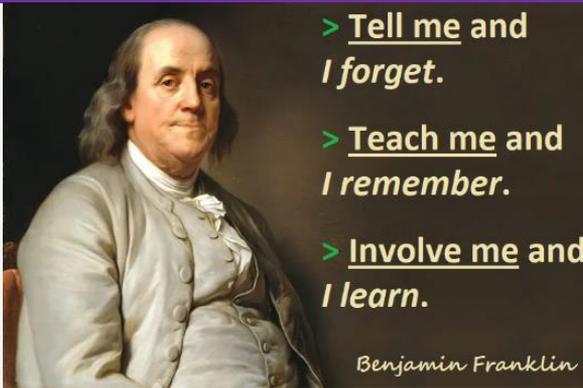


The Christian Engine Series



Action Info



Introduction: Dear Friend, the Bible is God's word; God wants us to ▶hear it, ▶understand it, ▶believe it, and ▶apply it.

Note the words of Benjamin Franklin: tell, teach, and involve:

- If I *only* tell, you may *only* hear but receive no benefit.
- If I teach, that means I will explain what I told so that you can understand; that's good, but not enough.
- I want you to *take the important step of applying God's word* as you include what you learned in your life.

So, as a follow-up to the series, **The Christian Engine**, I am challenging you to apply the contents of this folder. Take this challenge: "...**prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves**" (James 1:22 NAU).

Part 1 – Bible:

1. **Memorize** these verses for your own benefit and to be equipped to use them with others:
 - a. **Sin** – ^{NIV} **Romans 3:23** “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory [sinless requirement] of God...”
 - b. **Salvation** – ^{NIV} **John 3:16** “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” // **FAITH** – Forsaking **All I Trust Him**
 - c. **Anxiety** – ^{NIV} **1 Peter 5:7** “Cast all your anxiety on him [God the Father] because he cares for you.”
 - d. **Fear** – ^{NIV} **Isaiah 41:10** “...do not fear, for I [the LORD your God] am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”
2. **Read** this section of Luke during this season of Lent; read slowly—a little each day, thoughtfully—thinking about the meaning, and prayerfully—asking God to help you apply it to your life: **Luke 19:28 – 23:56**

Part 2 – Prayer:

1. **Read** these passages about Jesus praying:
 - a. **Luke 3:21-22**: After Jesus was baptized.
 - b. **Luke 6:12-16**: Jesus prayed all night.
 - c. **Luke 9:18-20**: Before Peter’s confession.
 - d. **Luke 22:39-46**: When Jesus’ sweat became blood.
 - e. **Luke 23:34, 46**: From His cross.
2. **Read** these passages about prayer and power:
 - a. **Acts 4:23-31**: *The place was shaken!*
 - b. **Acts 16:25-34**: *A great earthquake!*
 - c. **James 5:16-18**: *Earnest prayer, powerful results!*

3. **Pray:**

- a. Use the weekly Sat-Sun Participation Guide insert.
- b. List reasons to give thanks: _____

- c. List people with physical needs: _____

- d. People with spiritual needs: _____

- e. People I want to talk to about Jesus: _____

Part 3 – Worship:

1. Worship means to “bow down” – something we do *to show great respect*, and to “adore” – because of what God is: *eternal, unchangeable, almighty, all-knowing, holy, just, faithful, good, merciful, and gracious*.¹
2. Our getting is more important than our giving: **God** WILL be okay – *if we do not give*, but **we** WILL NOT be okay – *if we do not get the gifts God is offering to us*.
 - a. Faithfully attend with an open heart and mind to receive truth, forgiveness, peace, and guidance!
 - b. Gladly respond by giving great respect, much thanks, sincere prayers, and a trust-inspired tithe!

Part 4 – Fellowship: Fellowship is ➔ **a close relationship** and ➔ **sharing of something in common**.

1. Let us treasure our fellowship with God the Father:
NAU **1 John 1:7** “...if we walk in the Light as He Himself is

¹ An Explanation of the Small Catechism, 1991 CPH, 105-107.

in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

2. Four key components of early church fellowship:

^{NAU} **Acts 2:42** “They were **continually devoting themselves** to the apostles’ teaching [*instruction*] and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread [*the Lord’s Supper*] and to prayer.” // *Let us faithfully do the same!*

Part 5 – Witnessing: A witness testifies to others about Jesus!

1. Witnesses include prophets, apostles, pastors, and regular believers: ^{NAU} **Acts 8:1, 4** “[*On the day Stephen was killed, the believers in Jesus*] were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. [*And*] those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.”
2. Memorize, understand, share, and explain this phrase to others: We **are** saved, **by** grace, **through** faith, **in** Jesus, **for** eternal life (*see part 5 of the series for details*).

More Information: Go to these locations to find The Christian Engine sermon series; then watch, listen, or read:

- **Watch, Listen, or Read:** Church website: www.BLC7500.com
- **Subscribe to Our Weekly Emails:** Go to the website; then, under “Connect” click on “Email”
- **Watch:** Go to your YouTube app, then search for “Benefit from the Bible”
- **Listen:** Go to your podcast app, then search for “Benefit from the Bible”
- **Facebook:** Go to Facebook, then search for “Bethlehem Lutheran Church Parma”

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