

Bible Reading Plan Week 22

Day	Bible Passage	Pray for
June 04, 2017	Job 35-38	Bolivia
June 05, 2017	Job 39-42	Bosnia-Herzegovina
June 06, 2017	Psalms 1-8	Botswana
June 07, 2017	Psalms 9-17	Brazil
June 08, 2017	Psalms 18-21	Brunei
June 09, 2017	Psalms 22-27	Bulgaria
June 10, 2017	Psalms 28-33	Burkina Faso

Prayer Needs:

- ◆ Spiritual growth ◆ Healing ◆ Financial security
- ◆ Marriage of children in our community

Please pray for

- Gregory, Bro. Rajan Koshy's 10-month old grandson
- Olivia, Sheeba's new born baby
- Pastor George Mathai in Philadelphia.

ICA SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday Service @ 9:30 am & 10:45 am
 Sunday School @ 09:30 am

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WELCOME TO ICA SUNDAY SERVICE

Date : June 04, 2017



WEEKLY ICA VOICE

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

TUESDAY 06:00 AM TO WEDNESDAY 06:00 AM
 24 HOUR PRAYER

WEDNESDAY - NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:30 PM AT ICA
 FRIDAY - FASTING AND PRAYER @ 10:30 AM AT ICA
 SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER @ 07:00 PM AT ICA

**Ushers: Shelby Samuel, Benny Kuriakose,
 & Sheeba Abraham**

CHURCH HOME TEAM IN CHARGE THIS WEEK :

Varughese Ponnolil & Family ; Mathew Varghese & Family

WEEK OF 06/11/2017

Mathew C. Jacob & Family

The Pursuit of Happiness

The pursuit of happiness has many doors in which to enter. Which will you pick?

Happiness is defined as the state of well-being and contentment, but what's your definition of happiness? In the eyes of the world and for many people, happiness is seen through money, success and power.

Money, success and power can change a person completely. The devil uses these things to grab a hold of God's children and weaken them to the desires of their worldly hearts. Power is often sought after in jobs, family relationships and within a group of friends even. Every office has a boss, in every relationship someone wears the pants and in every circle of friends there is one person that everyone, whether they like to admit it or not, follows after. In situations where power, money and success are available, people become overwhelmed, priorities are changed, relationships are ruined and character is diminished. Matthew 6:19 tells us that our treasures on earth are only temporary; the real treasure is waiting for us in heaven, only if we truly give our lives to Christ and for his people. You don't need power or money to make an impact in the world. You need integrity, endurance and passion to make a change in the world, and that, impacting someone else's life, can bring pure happiness.

If God were to bless you with a million dollars, what would you use it for? We all are human; therefore, our own needs tend to come up before anything else. That is something as humans and as the children of God we have to work on and change. God doesn't bless us for our own benefit, but so that we might take what we were given and share it with our brothers and sisters. Having more money than someone or being promoted over someone shouldn't bring us happiness. Nothing is given to us so that we can lavish in it. All our blessings are given to spread. God has a plan and a desire for the world and for his people; who he chooses to give the tools to (money and leadership) is all in his plan. He chose those people so that they might take responsibility and help impact the world with the resources given to them.

Helping one another shouldn't feel like an obligation, but a passion. We should have a desire to better ourselves and our loved ones. Living in a country where we have freedoms and opportunities are a blessing, and it should make us work harder to give everyone around the world the same availabilities. Don't take your surroundings and life for granted. We are abundantly blessed; and

it's all for a reason. Take what you have, what you've learned and what you know so that you can help the kingdom of God. God sees what we do, he understands and acknowledges the amount of effort we put into it. We must remember though that our life here is temporary and that God has a place set out for us already, where all happiness truly leads to, where there is no more pain, suffering, poverty or hunger. Don't let that be the only factor for why you should make your impact on the world. We are all one in Christ who strengthens us. We all deserve to be happy, but there are people out there who have no means to getting any sort of comfort, physically and spiritually. So take your blessings, talents and passions and use them for the greater good of this world. You will feel a new happiness that money, success and power could never give you, but your true reward waits for you in heaven.

What does it mean to impact the world? An impact can only happen when a change has occurred. And change is from a vision. A vision from inspiration. Inspiration from a character. Strengthen your character to inspire a vision that changes you to impact a life. God Bless.

Sheena Samu (originally published in 2010)

SAVE A DATE

ICA RETREAT JULY 14-16, 2017

ICA VBS JULY 19-21

10 DANGEROUS MYTHS ABOUT THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

6. GOD USES PERSECUTION FOR PUNISHMENT.

Let's be honest; this is an elitist view. It's too easy to look down on cultures that are less developed and misunderstand their lack of development for lack of spiritual growth or obedience. It's simply not true. **More technology, development or economic advancement doesn't equal stronger spirituality.** And to add, God uses persecution as part of His sovereign plan to spread the gospel and strengthen believers. Persecution was prevalent in the early church and the apostles, especially with Paul. We will not always understand God's ways. Throughout history, God has used persecution to purify and spread His church.

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