

Week 202 w/c 20/9/20

Monday: John 15:1-17. Verse 5 makes it clear that being fruitful Christians is dependent upon being in a right relationship with Jesus. We cannot produce it by ourselves, but we must remain “attached” to him, as a branch is attached to the vine. What will you do today to help you strengthen your link with Jesus?

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 19:1-21. In an uncivilized and violent society, God brought justice to the newly formed nation of Israel, setting up cities of refuge for those who were guilty of manslaughter, but not of premeditated murder, and requiring more than one witness to convict before a judge (v15). These Bible principles helped shape our national laws. Today, thank God for Christian principles that are still in evidence and pray where they are being eroded.

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 12:1-16. Verse 14 summarises Rehoboam’s general attitude: He set his heart on the wrong things, and as a result his behaviour was influenced for the worse. What is your heart set on? Is it on seeking the Lord and his will above all else? If it is, everything else in life will be ordered and influenced by that.

Thursday: Psalm 132:1-18. David had vowed to build a temple for God, and put it above his personal comfort, according to verses 1-5. In the end, God told him to prepare for the temple, but leave Solomon his son to build it. What do you want to achieve? What do you want to pass on as a legacy to the next generation? How much effort and sacrifice are you making to achieve this?

Friday: Hosea 9:1-17. Verse 7 indicates the attitude of Hosea’s contemporaries. They ridiculed prophetic ministry and took no notice because of their great sin and hostility to God. This attitude is reflected by many in our society. How can you share God’s truth in a way that communicates and not attract ridicule and mockery?

Weekend: James 2:14-26. We are not saved by faith and good works, but by a faith that works and does good. True faith is not just a belief that does not produce a changed and improved lifestyle; it is faith that is demonstrated by love to God and to our neighbour. As Paul writes in Galatians 5:6 – “The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.” How is this true of you?