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Bible Class	9:45am
Morning Worship	10:45am
Evening Worship	5:30pm

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Bible Class	7:30pm
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*the morning I will direct it to You,
And I will look up."*

Psalm 5:8, *"Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; Make Your way straight before my face."*

Psalm 5:12, *"For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield."*

David came to the Lord early in the morning,. He sought His guidance and protection.

We must not move into any new day without being aware of our urgent need for the Lord. Being prepared is the best way to be ready for Satan's attack!

— Shane Williams

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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" -Psalm 119:105



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Seeking God

Every Christian is involved in spiritual warfare every day. We cannot afford, therefore, to enter the day smugly or complacent.

In the animal kingdom, every morning a gazelle wakes up knowing it must run faster than the fastest lion if it is to survive. Every morning a lion wakes up knowing it must outrun the slowest gazelle or it will starve to death. Either way, both the lion and gazelle will be running.

For the Christian, if you are seeking the Lord, the devil is seeking you. If you are not seeking the

Lord, well, he already has you! We must not wait until we are attacked by Satan to think of a strategy to escape our enemy. We must seek the Lord early, being fully aware that *"the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour"* (1 Peter 5:8).

In Psalm 5, we read that David expressed his need for God's help.

Psalm 5:3, *"My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; In*

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Treasure Hunting

Perhaps you have dreamed of coming across some big stash of treasure somewhere. Mel Fisher was a treasure hunter who searched for gold and found it. In 1985 he finally discovered a Spanish wreck near Key West, Florida. They salvaged an estimated \$450 million dollars of treasure, including more than 40 tons of gold and silver. All of this didn't come easy. They toiled hard for 16 years before Fisher's dreams and work finally paid off.

The Bible describes another kind of treasure as being more precious than gold, silver, or rubies (Prov. 3:14-15). It is wisdom, the ability to apply knowledge to everyday life.

Prov. 3:13-15, *"Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, 14 for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. 15 She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her."*

Solomon, who asked God for a wise and understanding heart, told us in Proverbs 2 to seek for wisdom with the same persistence and intensity as we would search for hidden treasures (vs. 4). Cry out for discernment and understanding, incline our ear to wisdom, receive God's words and treasure them in our heart (vss.1-3).

Do we seek wisdom as diligently as if it were gold?

Do we value wisdom? Do we seek it as diligently as if it were gold? If so, we will be re-

warded with life's greatest treasure—the knowledge of God. It is much more lasting than silver or gold.

— Shane Williams

Stay on Course

If you were to venture out on the ocean very far, you need to know some important details to be successful: your location, your destination, and your course. By referring to a map and using a compass, you can end up where you want to go.

The hard part comes in determining where you are at any given mo-

ment. Difficulties can arise creating conditions that can be confusing for navigation. Bad weather, strong wind, high waves, swift tides or limited visibility can throw one off course.

How does a follower of Christ stay on course and avoid a spiritual shipwreck? Paul wrote something of importance on this in I Tim. 1:18-20.

"Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, 19 holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith. 20 Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme."

He places emphasis on holding on to "faith and a good conscience." Rejecting these and not fighting the good fight will cause one to shipwreck their faith.

How can we be successful and stay

on course? We can do that by carefully reading and following the directions in God's Word, conforming our will to the Will of God (Rom. 12:2). Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17).

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We know the destination we seek (heaven). How are you doing? Are you on course or in danger of shipwreck? Determine right now to live in faith and holiness, staying on course until you are safely Home.

— Shane Williams

God's Plan for Saving Man

- ⇒ Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:17)
- ⇒ Believe the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6; John 20:31)
- ⇒ Repent of Past Sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- ⇒ Confess Faith in Christ (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32)
- ⇒ Be Baptized in water (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16; Gal. 3:27; I Pet. 3:21)
- ⇒ Live Faithful (Heb. 10:35-39)