

PR WISE CHOICES

THE INSIDE RUNNING

Most Christian men really want to grow spiritually. To do that we need regular spiritual food. The noise, busyness and clutter of our world work against us as we try to find space and solitude to concentrate on God. We can hear from God in several ways but the most consistently accessible way is through His Word, the Bible.

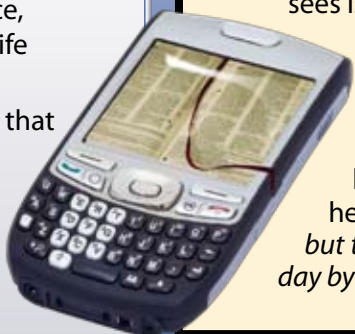
For years I struggled to get to grips with the Bible because I didn't have a plan. Finally I went out and got the simplest, easiest plan I could find. That was a "One Year" Bible. It is sliced and diced to serve up daily readings. That has helped me to succeed.

On this month's WiseChoices DVD we have a selection of 8 different Bible reading plans and a whole bunch of other neat tools. Use it and make technology your friend. I am amazed that I can carry with me everywhere on my phone 9 translations, Strong's concordance, commentaries and life study notes.

Have you got a plan that works for you?

John

John Subritzky



Hearing from God

by Tak Bhana



When I was new to the ministry I was deeply impacted by a statement I read, it went something like this, "A leader must come into a relationship with God that is higher than their office, or their very office could destroy them." Those words challenged me with the need to develop a relationship with God that was deeper and higher than the ministry to which He'd called me. That meant I would have to cultivate the character of Christ in my life. This challenge to develop godly character has continued to stir me throughout many years of ministry.

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.

When Paul penned these words, outwardly he probably wasn't in such good shape. He'd been shipwrecked, beaten, whipped, often hungry, imprisoned, and stoned and left for dead. The outer man had taken a real hammering. But Paul probably thought, oh well, it doesn't matter that much. This body is only on loan anyway, it's what's inside that matters.

If only we could really get that concept into our hearts, "it's what's inside that matters." With Paul there was something going on inside that was totally opposite to what was going on outside. Physically he was growing weaker but spiritually he was experiencing a great renewal. Outwardly he was dying a little every day but inwardly he was coming to life, growing, changing, getting stronger and better, winning the inner game against all the odds.

A key for Paul was his eternal perspective. If his heart had been in the things of this life he would have been absolutely miserable, but it wasn't there so what was going on outwardly didn't matter nearly so much. As Paul said, "we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen".

His heart and his eyes were fixed on the world to come. His eyes were on what cannot be seen, and ironically, what the inner man sees is "out of this world" compared to what physical eyes can see.

But what about us? I wonder what I'd be like if I was in Paul's shoes? What would you be like? Would we be able to say as he did, "the outer man is perishing but the inner man is growing stronger day by day"?

Adapted from "Running With Fire" magazine



WHAT'S ON THE DVD:



**FEATURED
SPEAKER**

FEATURED SPEAKER:
Nick Tuitasi is always a popular speaker, partly because he is so honest about his own struggles.

Nick tells us how he has found ways to deal with issues and then move on to grow as a Christian man. In this video he tells us how he hears from God and keeps on track. ALSO see the study questions on the DVD ROM.



HUMOUR

Brad Stine did this classic stand-up comedy to promote Promise Keepers Events.

Also, some internet clips round out the humour.



**BONUS
FEATURES**

Church for Men: An edit of David Murrow's message giving insights into building a masculine church.

Tank Pull: Teams race against the clock to see who can move a 14 ton tracked armoured personnel carrier the quickest! It's not often you see this in downtown Christchurch!



DVD ROM

Websites:
12 helpful websites

are listed. They offer online Bibles, electronic Bibles and Bible software. See just how much is available, a lot of it free!



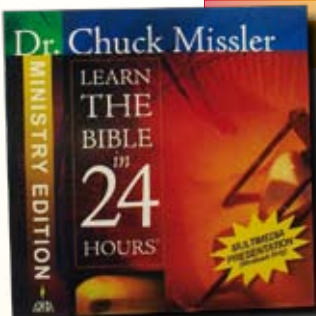
Bible Reading Plans: Eight different options including straight through the Bible, chronological, blended Old and New Testaments, two year plan etc.

Band of Brothers Studies: Nine Men's Small Group studies plus how to start a group and other resources.

Dusty Bible: A booklet encouraging us to get into the Bible. We like the very short and simple overview of the Bible story.

iPod audio and Video: Go portable with the featured videos on this DVD.

Learn the Bible in 24 Hours: This power-packed resource usually retails for \$20. Thanks to Koinonia House for providing this. See article below.



INCLUDED ON THE WISECHOICES DVD

Learn the Bible in 24 Hours – Chuck Missler

- What messages replay repeatedly throughout the Scriptures?
- Did God somehow change between the Old and New Testaments?
- What is the fabric that holds all 66 books together?

The intrusions of a hectic world often deprive us of the opportunities to really dig in and explore the Word of God as we would really like to.

Obviously, the Bible is truly a lifetime study, but 24 intensive sessions can provide you an overview and a strategic grasp that often eludes a detailed study of selected passages. One of the astonishing discoveries will be the integrity of the overall design which is visible only through such a comprehensive undertaking.

Chuck Missler has generously given permission to reproduce this resource for WiseChoices. It contains 24 hours of audio and over 1,000 slides. You will need "REAL Player" installed as the chapters are in Real Video. "Learn the Bible" will not auto play as it is just one component of the WiseChoices DVD ROM. Open the folder with Windows Explorer, then open the file "Menu LTB.exe" first. This will open the index page so you can navigate easily from there, as you would on the original.



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