HOPEFULLY

DEVOTED

**To the Word of God 2 – Colossians 3:16**

Have you ever been convicted by a sermon, or a scripture you were reading? Tell about it.

After the book of Law was read to Josiah, he took immediate action. Let’s consider his course of action.

Here’s how he responded.

1. **He went to God for direction. (2 Kings 22:13-20)**
2. **He called the people he was responsible for and declared that things would change. (23:1-3)**
3. **He demolished everything that was in opposition to God. (23:4-20; 24)**
4. **He reestablished some old customs that Honored God. (23:21)**
5. **He lived the rest of his days devoted to God in accordance with the book. (23:25)**

Josiah wasn’t looking for knowledge when he came across this book, he was comfortable in ignorance, but once the ignorance was displaced with real understanding, his life changed forever. If you could talk to Josiah after he had done all that he had done I fully believe his only regret would be that the book wasn’t read to him sooner. You have in your hands “the Book” all of what was read to Josiah and so much more.

If I were to choose a passage that best represents what being devoted to the word looks like it would be this one:

(2 Ki 23:25) Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the LORD as he did—with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses.

Being devoted to God by being devoted to the word of God means action not just understanding. As you study the word allow God to use that word to convict you, transform you, redirect you, and take the action necessary to align your life with the words found in this book.

Is there an area of your life that needs to be realigned with the word of God? Are you willing to devote yourself to it?

Five Reasons you should….

**4 reasons not to Read the Bible.**

1. **To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God.**
2. **To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it off a list.**
3. **Out of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
4. **So you can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_another Christian.**

**5 Reasons You must read your Bible**

1. **It is the only verifiable source to truly know \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**
2. **To Grow your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
3. **To resist \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ teaching**
4. **To \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_your thoughts**
5. **To know God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**