SPIRITUAL CHECK-POINTS
Lesson #2 - Reading of God’s Word
Scripture Reading: 1Timothy 4:12-16

Introduction:
1. Consider, David’s strong desire for the word of God – Ps 119:9-11
2. If we are to be right with God, we must have and maintain a healthy Bible reading schedule.
3. God’s word keeps us spiritually strong through the...

I. KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WORD
   A. DEVISTATION WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE
      1. There would be a famine for God’s word – Amos 8:11, 12
      2. God’s people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge – Hosea 4:6
      3. Apart from God’s word there is no salvation
   
   B. KNOWLEDGE IS LIGHT - 2Co 4:3-7
      1. Some refuse to have the light – Jn 3:19-21
      2. We have received the light and we transmit the light unto others

II. STRENGTH OF HIS WORD
   A. STRENGTH OF CONFIDENCE
      1. The word of God reveals that our faith is not in vain – Ro 10:17
         a. The word reveals Jesus as our Messiah
         b. There were 333 plus prophecies about Christ; all fulfilled!
      2. The word of God makes us confident of our salvation – Jn 20:30, 31; 1Jn 5:13
   
   B. STRENGTH OF ENDURANCE
      1. Every one of us goes through various trails
      2. The word of God gives us examples of those who have endured – He 11:1-ff

III. COMFORT OF HIS WORD
   A. CONSIDER SOME EXAMPLES
      1. David - 1Sa 30:6
      2. Paul - 2Co 1:3, 4
   
   B. WE HAVE COMFORT
      1. God is always with us – Mt 28:20, He 13:5
      2. We have the comfort of heaven - 1Th 4:18

Conclusion:
1. We can see the necessity of reading and studying the word of God on a consistent basis.
2. Our goal: to read and study every day.