

In 149 Days!

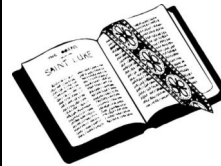
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*It is finished! ☺*

*Reading 40-70 verses per day, the New Testament can be read in 149 days or less.*

# The Bible View



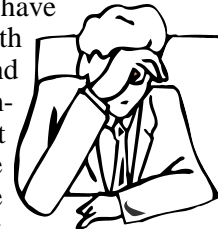
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## Encourage Yourself

*Bill Brinkworth*

One of the most debilitating forces we all face is discouragement. Most have started out with much zeal and hope of accomplishing great goals. Those that just were



saved are excited and zealous about doing something for God; however, they are often halted from doing what they planned. The goal or dream they wanted to obtain required more effort to achieve than they had expected, or perhaps someone's "help" discouraged them from even trying. Maybe an unkind word or even another's disapproving look took the air out of their sails, and they drifted off course, never to accomplish what they had set out to do. Sometimes it is intentional verbal reprimands that discourage one permanently from ever trying again.

All get discouraged from  
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## Three Cheers

*Author Unknown*

Once, when a great fire broke out people thought that all those that lived in the apartment had been taken out. On the fifth story, a little child was seen crying for help. Up went a ladder, and a fireman was seen ascending to the spot. As he neared the second story the flames burst in fury from the windows.

The brave man faltered, and a comrade at the bottom cried out, "Cheer him!" and cheer upon cheer arose from the crowd. Up the ladder he went and saved the child, because they cheered, him.

If you cannot go into the heat of the battle yourself, if you cannot go into the harvest field and work day after day, you can cheer those that are working for the Master. I see many old people in their old days getting crusty and sour, and they discourage every one they meet by their fault finding. That is not what we want. You do not know how much you may do by just speaking kindly to those that are willing to work.



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time-to-time. What do we do when we are slowed or halted when the disenchantment is overwhelming? Too many get discouraged and go no further, until they are encouraged. This is never a solution to the problem. You will find, however, that God has provided wisdom for Christians to deal with discouragement. The first step should be to get your mind off yourself, and put God first in your life (Galatians 2:20, Gal. 5:24-25, II Corinthians 5:15, Romans 14:7). If we find ourselves discouraged, it is usually because our emphasis is not on Him, but on ourselves. "Gulp! So it may be my fault I want to quit, not others". If I am part of the problem, then I can be part of the solution.

There is much in the Bible that is said about our encouraging others. The Bible instructs us to stop worrying about ourselves. Some of our happiest, most encouraging memories are those of when we put our energies into making another person feel good. A self-centered person is often unhappy and discouraged. God knows that if we encourage those around us, when we are in need of uplifting, there will be one to meet our needs in that area. Those that criticize and wound those around them

with their cruel tongue and attitude should not be surprised that there is no one around to help them in a time of need.

There certainly will be times when no support comes from anyone around. What does one do then? Most of the time, the only one that can really encourage us, is ourselves. When the people of Israel were commanded to battle an opponent they did not want to fight, no cheerleaders ran to the center of the battlefield and urged them on. They had to encourage themselves (*Judges 20:22*).

David faced many disappointments and was often discouraged. The king knew people would let him down quite often; so he encouraged himself that God would help him as He had done in the past.

*"And David was greatly distressed; ... but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God." I Samuel 30:6*

How did David encourage himself in the Lord? He did it by remembering all the hard times and difficulties that God had helped him with in the past. If God had helped him in the past, he knew that He would help him again! This faith gave him the assurance that no matter where he was or what he was facing, God would help him (*Psalms 42:6*).

Has God helped you in the past? If He has, and there is no

sin between you and Him, why would He not do it again? That is encouraging.

Now I know all this but the other day, I hate to admit, I was a little disenchanted myself. I could not pull out of it by even encouraging myself, until I walked into the nursing home where I preach each week. Almost immediately a woman wheeled over to me in her wheelchair and started boasting about God. Soon we were both bragging on Him. That encouraged me! Next, we started singing the old hymns about God and His goodness. That encouraged me! Remembering also how good God is uplifted me. So, that is what encouraging oneself "in the Lord" also means!

We are often unhappy when we do not get encouraged by others. Yet, how often do we encourage others? Sometimes it is we that do the discouraging, intentionally or not. Although there are times for correction and rebuke, too often it does too much damage. We bring defeat to others by voicing our "opinion", rebuking them, or even by our body language.

Our lack of work and participation can also discourage others. Moses knew this when he rebuked the people that would not join in on a battle. Their "letting the other guy do it" was a discouragement to those that were participating in the battle (*Numbers 32:6-8*).

Sitting around discouraged will never help anyone! The

only way out of a disenchanted mind-set is to change something. Instead of waiting to be "fixed", be a fixer! Break the sad cycle of discouragement and be an encourager. We all could use your inspiring words. One day, when you need it the most, there will be one nearby to lift you up with their encouraging words or actions.

*"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:9*

## "Hold the Fort, For I Am Coming."

*D. L. Moody*

When General Sherman went through Atlanta towards the sea, he left in the fort in the Kenesaw Mountains a little handful of men to guard some rations that he brought there.

General Hood got into the outer rear and attacked the fort, driving the men in from the outer works. For a long time, the battle raged fearfully. Half of the men were either killed or wounded. When they were about ready to surrender the fort, Sherman got within fifteen miles. Through the flag signal corps on a mountain, he sent the message "Hold the fort; I am coming. — W. T. Sherman."

That message fired up their hearts, and they held the fort until reinforcements came. The fort did not go into the hands of their enemies. Our Saviour is in command, and He is coming. Hold the fort!

**Be encouraged! If you are a Christian, you are on the winning side!**