

## What is your First Love?

I have known about the Lord all my life and would talk to him on occasion. I even tried to serve him sporadically over the years,

but I was raised under the law and by the time I was thirteen. I got so discouraged and fed up of failing God, I felt I was nothing but a Hippocrat. I believed it was up to me to to maintain what I thought was a perfect Christian life, even tho I firmly believed the bible and that Jesus was who and what he said he was. I only new the bible stories that mom read to us and what was learnt at Sunday school. As I never read the bible on my own, for when I tried I couldn't understand it. I believed Satan when in my mind, he said you can not understand the the's and thou's of the King James bible.

**Ephesians 2:8** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

In Nov of 1970 my wife and I went to a revival meeting and both went to the alter to except Christ into our life. I remember saying, "Lord you know I can't serve you on my own, but with the wife giving her life to you, maybe she'll help me. I'll give serving you one last try."

I remember feeling so clean and lite and was very sincere when I said "Jesus you will have to teach me and help me serve you."

**2Corinthians 5:17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

We got home about 10:30 pm. and I had such a strong desire to read the bible. So I dug out my plain King James bible and started at Matthew chap. 1. I read till 3:30 am. as I couldn't put it down, and by the way I never noticed the the's and thou's or the whatsoever's and begat's. In other words I understood it all.

**1Corinthians 2:11-12** For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

For the next three years I read the bible, Testimonies, and all books the Lord brought my way. I couldn't put them down, it was like I was starved and they were food.

**Psalms 119:11** Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

**Psalms 119:140** Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

I took a three year, Gordon Lindsey bible course and completed it with a 98% average in just over one year. I just couldn't get enough of God's word. I believe God told me to read and study his word and even tho I felt I couldn't retain it all, He said don't worry, I'll bring it to your remembrance when it's needed.

**Mark 13:11** But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

I always loved talking about the Lord and his word, even when I only new the bible stories.

**John 17:17** Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

I know people feel intimidated or get the impression that I think I'm so Holy, because in a biblical conversation I'm always saying the bible says, and then share what the Holy Spirit has brought to my remembrance. If he don't bring up something, then I don't say, the bible says.

I love the word of God, Jesus is the living word !!

**John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

I used to enjoy sharing the things the Holy Spirit showed me with my family and my spiritual family, but in this day and age there are only a few that you can fellowship with that don't take offence. There are those that say, "don't share the bible quotes then."

Well that is no difference then trying to live a Christian life, WITHOUT reading Gods word.

When God calls and equips you for a ministry, you had better to the best of your ability, DO IT.

So my first love is to serve Jesus to the best of my ability,

I love to share what he has taught me and share about him in any way I can. Thus the Christian Crusades and the Food for Thought of which HE brings every scripture to my remembrance, for the various multiple cliché's and sayings.

Hopefully this will answer your question.

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