Daily Devotion For November 12, 2022

"I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you." Psalm 119:11

In my message last Sunday, I spoke of investing time in our spiritual growth. I often try to remind our congregation of getting a "GRIP" on scripture. Hearing, Reading, Meditating, Memorizing, and Applying God's Word to our lives.

Most American homes today have a Bible, but ironically, fewer than half of all American adults can name the four Gospels. In a survey about Americans' knowledge of the Bible, most participants could name all four Beatles, but they couldn't name one of the Ten Commandments. The survey also revealed that one in 10 people thought Moses was one of Jesus's 12 apostles. In addition, 12 percent of American adults thought that Joan of Arc was Noah's wife. And 50 percent of graduating high school seniors thought Sodom and Gomorrah were husband and wife.

Although many people own a Bible, they don't read the Bible. The number one reason people give for not reading the Bible is that they don't make it a priority.

If you want to take it to the next level, read your Bible multiple times throughout the day. The psalmist said, "I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you" (Psalm 119:11).

Thought For Today: It isn't enough to go through the Word of God; the Word of God needs to go through you. It isn't how you mark your Bible; it's how your Bible marks you. Think today of how God's Word can impact your life. Invest time today in the study of God's Word.

Today's Prayer Focus: Thank God for His Word and that the Holy Spirit would grant you a deepening understanding as you get a GRIP on it. Deo Volente.