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Practice What Jesus Preaches

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

-James 1:22

In Armenian, the word for the Bible is “Astuadsashuntch,” which translates to the “breath of God.” This is taken directly from the Bible: “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” The purpose of the Bible is not just simply to know the story of God, but to understand that one has a role to play in the story through the application of the teachings within the Bible. One of the main functions of the Bible is for the disciple to be trained and equipped to live out their calling. Simply knowing biblical truths does not lead to change. For example, one could read a book on how physical exercise can make you live a healthier life. Howev-

er, if one simply knows the benefits of exercise but does not exercise, the benefits will not be reaped. This holds true for being a disciple of Jesus Christ. Knowing the Bible is not enough; there must be application of Biblical knowledge for there to be transformation.

At the end of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus shared a parable of two builders. The foolish builder knew the teachings of Jesus but did nothing with it and therefore was not able to survive the storm. The wise builder was able to survive the storm because he put into practice what Jesus preaches. The application of Biblical truths is needed for one to become like Jesus Christ.



According to Alan Hirsch, the Hebrew approach to knowledge is action-learning. One learns through mentorship and hands on application of information. Both the Old and New Testaments have a Hebrew understanding of knowledge rather than a Greek one. Jesus used action-learning where he called his disciples to follow him on a mission. It was not to sit still in a classroom and just talk about ideas, but rather to go out into the world and apply the truth. Western churches tend to view the Scriptures through a Greek understanding of knowledge. Instead of right action creating the Christian growth, the emphasis is on right thinking. However, right thinking does not always lead to Christian growth. There must be right thoughts and right actions in order for one to train in righteousness and be equipped for every good work.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Haig Kherlopian

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS

**I wish to donate poinsettias to beautify the altar
for the holiday season:**

In loving memory/honor (circle one) of:

Enclosed is my Poinsettia Donation of \$_____ (\$20 min.)

Enclosed is my Christmas Gift of \$_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

(Please return to the church by mail as soon as possible)

GIFTS ACKNOWLEDGED WITH GRATITUDE

In loving memory of **Mr. Arthur Stephen
Mehagian**, by the family of Gary Telfeyan.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

We wish to express our gratitude to the following for their
generous contribution towards Fellowship Hour
in the months of September & October:

*Ruby Kherlopian, Jennifer Telfeyan, David Boyajian,
Nairi Esayan, Nancy Kherlopian, and Mesrop Borekjian.*

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Join us for:

*Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 AM
Tuesday Night Bible Study at 7:30 PM
Thursday Night Zumba Fitness at 7:30 PM*

Nov 17 **123rd Anniversary Celebration**
Lunch will be served following service.

Dec 15 **Christmas Luncheon**
Lunch will be served following service.

Dec 18 **Feast & Feast: Christmas Caroling**
Join us as we worship in song and eating.
7 PM - All are welcome!

Jan 4 **Armenian Christmas Service & Party**
Celebrate Armenian Christmas with us!
6 PM Service // 7:30 PM Party

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