

“TOP PRIORITY”

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Synopsis

Mary and Bill surmise that their bible knowledge is severely lacking after playing a bible trivia game at the church. They decide to commit to studying the bible. Unfortunately, they can't seem to find an acceptable time in their busy schedule to study God's word.

Scripture(s)

2 Timothy 2:16

Ministry Lesson

The bible says "Study to show thyself approved unto God...". Bible study should be a priority for every Christian. However, we often let our daily responsibilities, personal desires, and other insignificant tasks take priority over scheduling time to study and learn God's Word.

Ministry Focus

Spiritual Growth

Genre: Comedy

Cast

Mary - Adult
Bill - Adult

Costumes

Nice casual clothing

Props

Sofa (or 2-3 covered chairs)
Purse
Pocket calendar
Pen or pencil
(other optional props to make the stage look like a family room)

Time: 7 min.

TOP PRIORITY

INT. FAMILY ROOM - EVENING

BILL AND MARY ARE RETURNING HOME FROM A FAMILY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AT THE CHURCH. THEY ENTER THE FRONT DOOR (OR APPROACH THE STAGE) AND WALK INTO THE FAMILY ROOM.

MARY

(upset)

I can't believe you said that.

BILL

What?

MARY

What you said.

BILL

What did I say that was so wrong?

MARY

When you were asked the question, "How many types of each animal did Moses take on the Ark?", What did you say?

BILL

Two. One male and one female.

MARY

(disgusted)

No silly, the answer is none, zero, zilch. Noah built the ark, not Moses!

BILL

(down playing it)

Noah...Moses, what's the big deal.

MARY

The big deal is that it's wrong, and that caused us to lose the game.

BILL

Look, I just wanted to eat. You are the one that wanted to play Bible Trivia.

MARY

Bill, it was family night at the church
and we never participate in the games.

BILL PLOPS DOWN ON THE SOFA TO RELAX.

BILL

So. (beat) By the way, you got buzzed
too...Ms. Bible Scholar.

MARY

I...I was just confused, that's all.

BILL

What was your question? (*thinking*) Oh
yeah, "Who were Abraham, Issac, and
Jacob", and what was your answer?

MARY

(embarrassed)

Jesus' disciples.

BILL

That's the most ridiculous answer in the
world. No wonder you were buzzed.
Everyone knows they were the three
Hebrew boys thrown into the furnace!

MARY

Well, I knew they were somebody
important. (pause) I guess we both have
a lot to learn. We really need to study
the bible more.

BILL

I know, but we don't have time.

MARY

(Determined)

Well, we need to make time!

MARY OPENS THE CALENDAR IN HER SMARTPHONE.

Come on, let's schedule time now.

BILL

(Dumbfounded)

Duh....If I don't have time to do something, then why make a schedule to do what I don't have time to do.

MARY

W(ith disregard)

I'm sure there's an hour or two open one day. Let's see, *(checking calendar)* Monday evenings seem open.

BILL

No can do, that's my league bowling night. But you go ahead and read the bible without me.

MARY

Oh no, the bible says "Study together as a family and be blessed."

BILL

It does?

MARY

Well, I'm not sure, but that's why we need to study. Okay, how about Tuesday night?

BILL

(Ponders) Okay that works. *(Remembers)* Oh no I forgot, I work-out at the gym on Tuesday nights.

MARY

Oh c'mon honey, that's not important. *(keys in the appointment)* You can make time on Tuesday nights.

BILL

Not important, exercising is biblical!
Didn't God say, "be fruitful and
exercise"?

MARY

(Thinks a moment) Well, maybe you're
right.

BILL

Look, we're both home on Wednesday
nights. After dinner, lets just sit
down and knock it out.

MARY

That sounds like a plan. Lets see, by
the time I finish dinner and clean up it
should be around 7:00.

BILL

Alright, but can we make it 8:00. I
have to pick up the kids from [sport in
season] practice at 7:00.

MARY

Ummmm, 8:00 is not good for me. *[Name of
a current TV show]* comes on TV at 8:00.
I never miss that. *(ad-lib about last
week's show)*. What about 9:00?

BILL

Well, you know we get the kids ready for
bed 9:00. Hopefully they'll be sleep in
about an hour. How about 10:00?

MARY

I have to get ready for work the next
day. 10:00 is definitely out. How
about Thursday?

BILL

Band rehearsal, Friday?

MARY

Hair appointment, Saturday?

BILL AND MARY BOTH LOOK AT EACH OTHER AND SAY 'NAW'
REJECTING THE IDEA.

BILL

See, I told you, we're just too busy.
Besides that, I might need to find a
second job just to keep up with our
mortgage, two car payments, and the
vacation home at the beach. We just
have too many responsibilities to waste
time reading the bible.

MARY

Do we have too many responsibilities or
too many blessings?

BILL

What do you mean?

- End of Preview -

Bill and Mary come to realize they are allowing their blessing to
give in the way of their obedience and spiritual growth. If God
took everything from them, would they have time then?
