

## **Week 183 – w/c 10/5/20**

**Monday: John 7:1-24** Read verses 16-17 again. Jesus explained that his doctrine came from God. What evidence or experience convinces you that Jesus really was sent from God? How can you motivate yourself to witness to people even though they may become offended?

**Tuesday: Deuteronomy 2:1-23** God commanded Israel to treat the Edomites with respect, even though they could have dominated them as a stronger nation. How we treat those weaker than ourselves is always a good measure of character. When we have the capability to dominate or abuse others and do not, it shows that we have good character. Do you need to modify your treatment of others?

**Wednesday: 1 Chronicles 23:1-32** The Chronicler mentioned many specific duties of the Levites. He includes the most important duty of standing every morning and evening to thank and praise the Lord. Do you make this a priority in your life? How will you thank and praise God today?

**Thursday: Proverbs 22:10-21** Verses 17-21 talk about gaining wisdom. Unless one's heart and mind are ready to receive wisdom, it does little good to present it. The pursuit of wisdom makes us more confident in the truth. Wisdom discovers that some things are more complicated and doubtful, but in general it sees God and his truth with more clarity and certainty. Are you seeking God's wisdom today?

**Friday: Daniel 1:1-21** The purpose of the food, names, and education was simple. This was an effort at total indoctrination, with the goal of making these young Jewish men leave behind their Hebrew God and culture. Daniel refused the food as it may have been sacrificed to idols. He entrusted himself to God and God came through for him. How do you stand up for your Christian beliefs in this secular world?

**Weekend: Hebrews 5:11-6:12** While it is true that it is God that carries us along to maturity, it is also true that the believer must do his part. We must not be lazy but apply ourselves to the spiritual resources God has given us. We have promises from God. We should exercise faith and patience and claim these promises for ourselves. In what way can you take responsibility for your own spiritual growth?