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“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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Concentrated Focus Benefits

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In the world's pursuit of divergent energy sources, Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) is a popular choice. Multiple mirrors reflect the sun's rays to a single source. Following the changing movements of the sun throughout the day, the mirrors keep a perpendicular angle to a single storage source. The concentrated energy then produces beneficial heat or electricity.

When we concentrate our energy on one thing at a time, we can accomplish much in a day. When we have no focus, we probably meander the day away in wasted time.

Our focus should be on things that profit us spiritually. Daily Bible reading surely is worthy of our daily focus. Each day, a concentrated effort in reading and meditating on God's Word will benefit us greatly. At the end of a year we will have read the entire Bible and filled our daily life with many blessings.

We will daily fill our minds with wisdom. “*The testimony of Jehovah is sure, making wise the simple*” (Psalm 19:7).

The word of God is “sure” capable of “supporting” us in our walk through life. Especially is God's word a blessing to young people.

It “*gives prudence to the simple*” (Proverbs 1:4). This prudence emphasizes the slipping through or avoiding pitfalls to which the inexperienced often fall prey. Young people, equipped with the sure word of God telling them the end results of blinding greed, illicit sex and mind altering drink, can avoid personal destruction (Proverbs 1:10-19, 7:1-23, 23:29-35).

Imagine listening to the revealed mind of God daily! God, employing his wisdom to design a habitable earth, brought it into existence with omnipotence (Romans 1:20, Proverbs 8:31). This same God offers his wisdom to empower our lives. Generations of Men and women, specializing in physics, astronomy, biology, or chemistry have not exhausted the knowledge the one true God set in motion when He spoke the universe into existence (Psalm 33:6-9). We will never know His secret things, but what a blessing to

read daily what such a wise God has revealed to us (*Deuteronomy 29:29*)!

Focusing upon the reading of God's word will strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ. As we read the Old Testament we will note the prophecies pointing to Jesus from the seed of woman to the suffering servant (*Genesis 3:15, Galatians 4:4, Isaiah 53, Acts 8:32-35*). When Jesus is born in Bethlehem and fulfills specified prophecy, we marvel and become even more convinced that Jesus is the Messiah (*Micah 5:2, Matthew 2:2-6*). God's ultimate fingerprint is when He raises Jesus from the dead, clearly pointing Him out to all as the Son of God (*Romans 1:4*). Reading the words of Jesus, and observing his ways, we learn from the One who perfectly revealed God unto man (*John 14:9*). A daily walk with the Son of God opens unto us God's wisdom, our sanctification and redemption (*I Corinthians 1:30*).

Zeroed in and focusing our energy on reading the Bible daily offers many accompanying benefits.