

Which Translation?

(2 Corinthians 3:1-3)

- Introduction:
1. There was a time when the only Bible that people ever heard was when they attended worship services.
 2. Prior to the invention of the printing press, Bible's were scarce.
 3. However, since Gutenberg's press, the Bible has been the most published book in the history of the world.
 4. Today, a typical family may possess more than a dozen Bibles.
 5. Also with the passing of time, many versions of the Bible have been produced, some better than others.
 6. This proliferation of translations has caused more than a little debate about which translation should one use.
 7. In this lesson, I would like to focus our attention on one translation in particular.

I. Your Translation

- A. Did you know you have your own translation?
- B. (2 Corinthians 3:1-3).
- C. You are the only Bible that many people read before they develop an interest in Jesus.
- D. That being the case, maybe we would be well served if we began taking a closer look at our own translation.

II. What Should One Desire In A Translation

- A. Reverence.
 1. (Hebrews 12:9, 28).
 2. (Malachi 1:6).
- B. Clarity.
 1. (1 Corinthians 14:19).
 2. (Matthew 5:37).
- C. Faithfulness
 1. (Romans 2:1-24).
 2. (1 Corinthians 11:1).
 3. (Acts 26:27-29).

- Conclusion:
1. Friends, what do people learn about God when they read your translation?
 2. Do they read a clear, reverent, and faithful translation of God's word?
 3. Don't overlook the fact that you may be the only Bible that some people read.
 4. Give care to the translation you are writing.