The Bible is God's love letter of hope and instruction. It is where we find meaning and purpose. It reveals God's great love for us and all his creation.

There is a difference between reading and studying.

- Reading is simply going over the words written on a page.
- Studying requires setting your mind and thoughts on a subject and making application.

WTW We want to grow a healthy spiritual life.

- **1.** Gather together Matthew 18:20 Jesus said, *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."*
- **2. Pray Matthew 6:25** "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on.
- 3. Share James 1:22 "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

We are chosen Ephesians 1:4-5 "For <u>he chose us in him before the creation of the world</u> to be <u>holy</u> and <u>blameless</u> in his sight. <u>In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship</u> through Jesus Christ, <u>in accordance with his pleasure and will</u>—"

What can we do today to help us be successful?

- **1.** Forget the past attempts. Do not allow fear of failure rob you of the pleasure of knowing God.
- 2. Take an honest look at your time, set apart 15-20 minutes each day to grow your relationship with God. All relationships grow the same way...TIME.
- 3. Make it a commitment. If you do something for 21 days, it will become a habit.
- 4. Ask God to bless your time when you sit down to study.
- 5. Begin sharing truths you learn. We tend to talk about things that are important to us.