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## **Eighth Annual BBTS Graduation**

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse



The weekend of May 20 and 21, 2017 was a blessed time for the Bible Baptist Theological Seminary Graduation Banquet and Commencement Service. On Saturday the four graduates were honored with a delicious meal, and the BBC assembly members heard their testimonies of salvation, calling, and service. Then on Sunday, the men received their restricts dialerees including the Cartificate of Theology and the Dester Luis Cueduade

*Dr. Thomas Strouse* their respective diplomas, including the Certificate of Theology for Pastor Luis Cuadrado of Puerto Rico and for Mr. Richard Jacobs of PA, the Master of Biblical Studies for Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh of CT, and the Master of Divinity for Pastor George Totica Iloilo, Philippines. The candidates were challenged by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, Pastor of Bible Baptist Church and Dean of Bible Baptist Theological Seminary to have biblical Determination to overcome Detriments to do their Duty, based on Paul's statement, saying, "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20:24). BBC has been involved in training men in the Word of God for the Baptist church ministry. We are thankful for the opportunity to do this work of the Great Commission, and for those supporting this biblical ministry. Pray for these men as they return to their respective mission fields.



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# **BBTS BANQUET**

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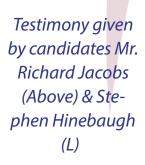
Pastors Luis Cuadrado and George Totica













Testimony given by Pastor George Totica



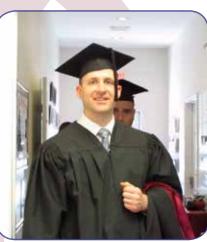
Dr. Cas Reeves



Dr. Noel Meadowcroft



Pastor George Totica, Master of Divinity



Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh, Master of Biblical Studies

Mr. Richard Jacobs, Certificate of Theology



Prof. Jeff Skorupski







Pastor Luis Cuadrado, Certificate of Theology

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Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh









Mr. Richard Jacobs

Pastor George Totica

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Master Degree Recipients.



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Dr. Strouse.



Pastor Luis Cuadrado





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Pastor Main, Prof. Skorupski & Ryan Strouse



Dr. Noel Meadowcroft, Pastor Luis Cuadrado, & Dr. Strouse



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Mr. Richard Jacobs & Family.



Rosignol Family, Pastor Luis Cuadrado & Pastor George Totica



Pastor Stephen Hinebaugh and Family



Pastor, Luis Cuadrado with Dr. and Mrs. Meadowcroft

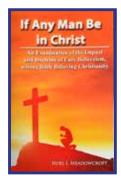
## PASTOR GEORGE TOTICA Preaching



On Wednesday, May 17, 2017, Filipino Pastor George Totica filled the BBC pulpit and preached. Pastor Totica has pastored churches in the Philippines for over forty years. We are thankful for his testimony and ministry.

# **IRELAND MODULE**

During the week of May 29 through June 2, 2017, the Lord blessed as Dr. Thomas Strouse taught the BBTS modules on Matthew and on The Bible, Creation, and the Flood. A good number of pastors, missionaries, and church members took the courses toward various seminary degrees. The annual modules are hosted by River Valley Baptist Church and Pastor Dr. Robert Zemeski. Fifteen men and one woman attended the modules from at least seven different churches in the area. Within the group were several new seminarians and one new missionary. Pastor Strouse also preached in the Sunday services of River Valley Baptist Church as his home church (Bible Baptist Church) was well-manned by competent preachers



### **NEW BOOK!**

The recent book, *If Any Man Be In Christ: An Examination and the Impact of the Doctrine of Superficial Easy Believe-ism among Bible Believing Christianity*, by Dr. Noel Meadowcroft, has put forth the biblical case for the teaching of the need for repentance in conversion, as well as

for elucidating the biblical perspective of so-called "Lordship Salvation." Dr. Meadowcroft has been a student of the trends and movements in conservative Christianity for many decades, observing the faulty doctrine of easy believe-ism and its fruitless "conversions." Because of his heartbreak over the empty lives of many "unrepentant Christians" and because of his passion for truth, he has written *If Any Man Be In Christ*. It is my privilege to recommend this book as a defense of biblical soteriology, readable for both the babe in Christ as well the seasoned saint of the Lord. (\$8.00 each).

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse, Bible Baptist Church, Pastor

## BBTS/BBC Spring Schedule

Jun. 12-16, 2017 Quakertown, PA " Ecclesiology" Jul 24-28, 2017 Plymouth, NH "Module TBA " Aug 21-25, 2017

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## **DEVOTIONAL CORNER**

# WALK WORTHY



#### WALK WORTHY

"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called "

Dr. Caswell A. Reeves

(Ephesians 4:1).

Each on of us have a life we live. Some times it is refered to as the "course of life" that we're on. It speaks to the manner in which we each live our life. God calls it our "walk." It is this manner of living that God refers to when the Bible says, "walk worthy."

The word, "worthy" refers to some thing "of weight" or "of worth." We learn then, the Christian walk is to be one worth something and one that carries weight to it. Our walk then should have a good testimony about it, one that is pleasing to the Lord.

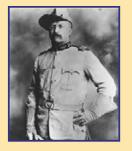
There are three incentives given to Christians to "walk worthy." The first, is our calling. "I ... beseech you that ye walk worth of the vocation wherewith ye are called (Ephesians 4:1). The word "vocation" means "calling." It speaks of our salvation, when through the Gospel, God called us to be saved. Our walk is to be worthy, reflecting our salvation.

The second incentive given to "walk worthy" is our Lord. "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:10). Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our personal Savior, our walk is to reflect a fruitfulness "in every good work" and a growing in "the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding" (Colossians 1:9).

And the last incentive given to "walk worthy" is our God. "That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory" (1Thessalonians 2:12). The whole purpose of our walk is for God. Therefore, it should be a walk worthy of our God, a walk weighted down with things to honor, glorify and praise Him. For, it is He, "who hath called [us] unto his kingdom and glory."

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#### Quotes From the Past: Theodore Roosevelt 26th President of USA 1858-1919



"In addition to honesty and decency you need courage and strength."

Theodore Roosevelt

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# **GROW IN GRACE**

### **DEVOTIONAL FOR WOMEN**

#### Grow in Grace Parenting Series

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Over the next 5 BBC Updates, weeks Grow in Grace will be focused on a parenting series. You may want to take extra time to read through them as you consider them. There are times I have heard people say,"why don't children come with an instruction manual?" The answer is...they do! God's Word.

There are several Grow in Grace readers that do not have children but God's Word and principles can apply to us in many different ways. Perhaps you can encourage other young moms. Maybe you will one day have children. Perhaps you can testify to the truth of God's Word based on your own childhood experiences, etc...

Through the years we learned parenting patterns from our own parents and it is most probable that we have adopted patterns of habit, some good and some not. Habits are not easy to break, replacing old thinking with new thinking is not easily done but requires most diligent time and effort. I suggest that in your self reflection you write notes, perhaps posting them around the house, put Scriptures where they are readily available, if it helps you can share the changes you would like to make with a sister in the Lord and ask for accountability. Do whatever needs to be done to support yourself in making changes.

Most importantly give this request to the Lord daily!

Let me end by saying that no parent is perfect. Every parent makes mistakes and has regrets. But even the biggest of mistakes the Lord can redeem if we look to Him.

If you find them to be helpful, please feel free to share them with others who may be struggling, are parents to be, or simply need encouragement. I am praying that this series will be practical and a blessing to you as children are raised for the Lord's Glory.

Please email me at any time if you have comments or questions or you'd like to be added to the mailing list and receive devotionals like this Monday through Saturday: Elenas6259@gmail. com

#### "Growing in Grace: A 12 Week Devotional for Women" Book 2



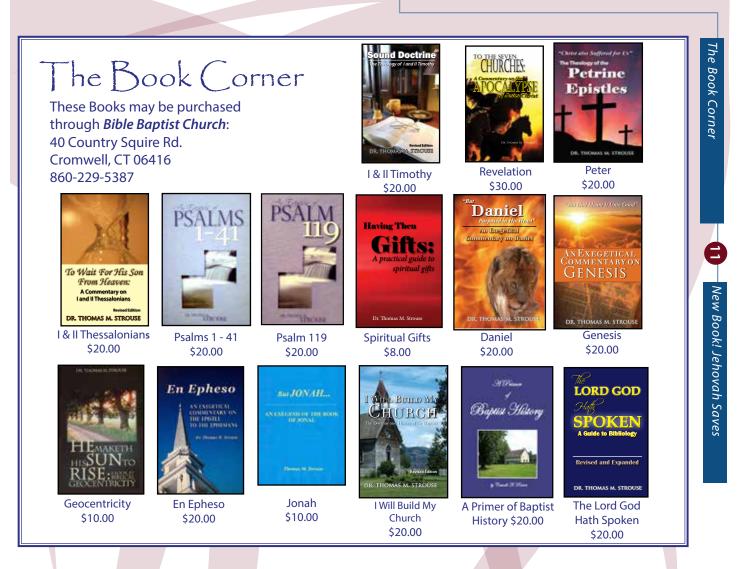
This 12 Week Devotional is a ministry of Bible Baptist Church in Cromwell, CT. It is designed for women, and is meant as a support for victory in daily Christian living. Spiritual victory comes by having the Genuine Christ, Accurate Biblical Teaching, Applying the Infallible Word of God, and a Humble Heart.

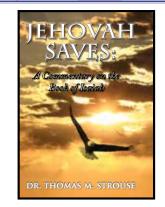
Using this Devotional Each day you will be given a daily Scripture followed by thoughts upon which to reflect and a challenge for the day. To get the most out of this book, it is encouraged that you take the time each morning to reflect upon and apply each devotion.

*Psalm 119:2 "Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart."* 

*Please contact Bible Baptist Church (Elenas6259@gmail.com) if you would like a complimentary copy of Book 1 or 2 today.* 

# THE BOOK CORNER





### NEW BOOK: JEHOVAH SAVES: A Commentary on the Book of Isaiah

The new book by Dr. Thomas M. Strouse entitled Jehovah Saves: A Commentary on the Book of Isaiah is available for purchase. The book is an effort to exegete the contents of all sixty-six chapters of Isaiah, resulting in 508 pages of commentary with 746 footnotes chocked full of word studies, grammatical explanations, and theological teachings. It reflects over forty years of study, research, and reflection from the author. Available now! \$30.00

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