

# American people are Bible readers

By CLYDE DUPIN

The American people have a deep desire to know God. This is evident when studies show that 45 percent read the Bible at least once a week. Those who read it most are over 45 and live in the south or mid-west.

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