

HOW TO STUDY YOUR BIBLE



"Study your Bible" is something we hear preachers saying all the time. It has become a quick answer to any problem we encounter—"Study your Bible." But just what does that mean? Is "study your Bible" the same as "reading your Bible?" Or, is it the same as studying chemistry or calculus?

This quarter we will not only see the value of Bible study, but also the nuts & bolts of just how to study the Bible.

Why is life more difficult without a knowledge and use of the Bible?

It would be helpful if

you:

1. Brought a printed Bible to class
2. Bring a pen to take notes and write in your Bible

Four Fundamental Principles Essential Before You Open Your Bible:

1. God wants to _____ to you (Mt 17:5)
 - Mt 11:29 "...and _____ from Me"
 - Jn 10:3-4 "they know his _____"
2. God speaks to you in a way that you can _____ (Eph 5:17; 3:2-5)
 - Jn 8:31-32 "abide in My word and you are truly _____ of Mine"
3. God speaks through _____ (Heb 1:1-2)
Contrast in time:
Contrast in methods:
4. God wants you to _____ what He says
 - Mt 7:24 the wise man heard and did
 - Luke 6:46 why do you call Me Lord and _____ what I say?
 - James 1:21-25

Consider This:

The typical student will spend 3150 hours of classroom lectures to earn a PhD. The typical church member, participating in 4 hours of religious services each week will earned the equivalent of a PhD in 15 years.

During that period of time he will have sat through some 1500 sermons... with this much instruction we have every right to expect more than a basic understanding in Spiritual things. What have we really learned?

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A. The Value of God's word

1. It is what God has given us for life and godliness (2 Pet 1:3)
2. It is called the bread of life (Mt 4:4) - what _____ us
3. It is called the light (Ps 119:105) - what _____ us
4. It is called the sword (Heb 4:12) - what _____ us
5. It is more desirable than gold (Ps 19:10) - extreme _____
6. It brings great reward (Ps 19:11) -
eternal salvation

B. Bible study is what gives us our _____ (Rom 10:17; Ps 119:165)

C. Bible study is essential to _____ (1 Pet 2:2)

- A _____: long for
A _____: the pure milk of the word
A _____: that you may grow

D. Bible study is essential to spiritual _____ (Heb 5:11-14)

A 2020 survey found that when a person actively engages
_____ with the Bible four or more times a week:

- Feeling lonely dropped 30%
Anger issues dropped 32%
Bitterness dropped 40%
Alcoholism dropped 57%
Sex outside of marriage dropped 68%
Feeling spiritually stagnant dropped 60%
Viewing porn dropped 61%
Sharing your faith jumps 200%
Discipling others jumps 230%

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness;¹⁷ so that the man or woman of God may be fully capable, equipped for every good work.

- For Teaching (doctrine): The Bible shows you what is _____
For Rebuke (reproof): The Bible shows you what is _____
For Correction: The Bible shows you _____ to get right
For Training in Righteousness: The Bible shows you how to _____ right

Why isn't the Bible Read More?

1. General interests in reading has _____
2. We are over stimulated by _____
3. We are _____
4. It seems too _____
5. We don't know where to _____
6. We don't see the _____ to do it

Why is a process of studying the Bible important?

Great Examples

1. Acts 17:11
2. Nehemiah 8:7b-8
3. Luke 4:17-20 (Mt 19:4; 22:29)