

The Value of Studying the Bible

II Timothy 3:14-17 (NIV)

“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

1. The Bible is the Bread of Life.-

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.- Matthew 4:4

- Reading the Bible is essential, it is the BREAD of Life.
- Even mature believers who have studied the scriptures for years can still uncover many more precious truths in God's Word.

2. The Bible is the Word of God. -2 Tim. 3:16

- The Bible is a Divine Revelation from God. In the Bible we find out what God wants mankind to know about Himself and His plan.
- The Bible is the only written revelation of God to man.

3. The Bible is the Truth. –Acts 17:11

- We must not trust the authority of man, but search the scriptures to see what God says.
- The Bible gives us an *anchor* so we will not be lost on the sea of public opinion.

4. The Bible helps us know the Character of God.-Ephesians 3:19

- He reveals His Love, His Faithfulness, His Mercy, His Grace, His Provision, His Holiness, His Power, His Divinity and so much more!

5. The Bible is Alive and Powerful.

“For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.”- Hebrews 4:12

- The Bible separates our Spirit from our Flesh. It penetrates our heart, mind and will. It transforms our thoughts and desires. It convicts and changes us.

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6. The Bible is our Weapon Against the Devil.

- It is the Sword of the Spirit. - Ephesians 6:17
- Jesus overcame the Temptation of the Devil with the Word of God- Matt. 4:1-11

7. The Bible Teaches us how to live Godly Lives.

- It gives us principles to live by, guidance for our everyday decisions, and motivation to follow God's ways.

8. The Bible equips us to be effective in ministry- 2 Tim. 2:15

“Do your best to present yourself to God, as one approved, a workman that does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of Truth” . - 2 Tim. 2:15

The Scriptures are one of the keys to spiritual growth and vitality. In Psalm 1, the psalmist writes about true believers, “They delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do” - Psalm 1:2-3