

Why Study the Bible?

1. We are commanded to by scripture.

2 Timothy 2:15

Study to show thyself approved unto God, a **workman** that need not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing** the word of truth.

2. It is the Inspired Basis for Living

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is **God-breathed** and is **useful** for
teaching, (Knowing what is right)
rebuking, (Knowing what is not right)
correcting and (Knowing how to get it right)
training in righteousness, (Knowing how to stay right)
so that the man of God may be thoroughly **equipped** for every **good work**.

3. Enables Us to Do Our Work

Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith,
and that not of yourselves; it is the **gift** of God,

⁹ not of **works**, lest anyone should boast.

¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for **good works**,
which God **prepared** beforehand that we should **walk** in them.

Word of God is:

- Accurate
- Authoritative
- Applicable

View of Scripture

- 66 Books
- > 40 authors
- Single integrated message
- Every detail is skillfully designed
- Origin is supernatural
(outside of space and time)
- Authenticated by prophesy
- Points to Jesus Christ
- Jesus Christ validates the message

What the Bible Says About Itself

1. God is the author

2 Timothy 3:16

All scripture is **God-breathed**

2. It is absolute truth

John 17:17

Sanctify them in the **truth**;

Your word is truth

3. It is eternal

Matthew 24:35/Mark 13:31/Luke 21:33

Heaven and earth shall pass away

But **my words shall not pass away.**

4. It gives direction to our lives

Psalms 119:105

Your word is a **lamp** to my feet

And a **light** to my path.

5. It will keep us from sin

Psalms 119:11

Your word I **treasured/stored up** in my heart,

That I might not sin against you.

6. It is what God will use to judge us

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is **living and active** and sharper than any two-edged **sword**, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and **able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

7. It was embodied in Jesus

John 1:1

In the beginning was the **Word**,

And the **Word** was with God,

And the **Word** was God.

When we look into the scriptures, we are looking into the face of God!

Conclusion:

We are embarking on the most important endeavor of our lives,
to worship God by diligently studying His word.

God is "a rewarder of those that diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6)

Let us study the scriptures knowing that in doing so we will glorify God
and we will be blessed as we "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ." (2 Peter 3:18)