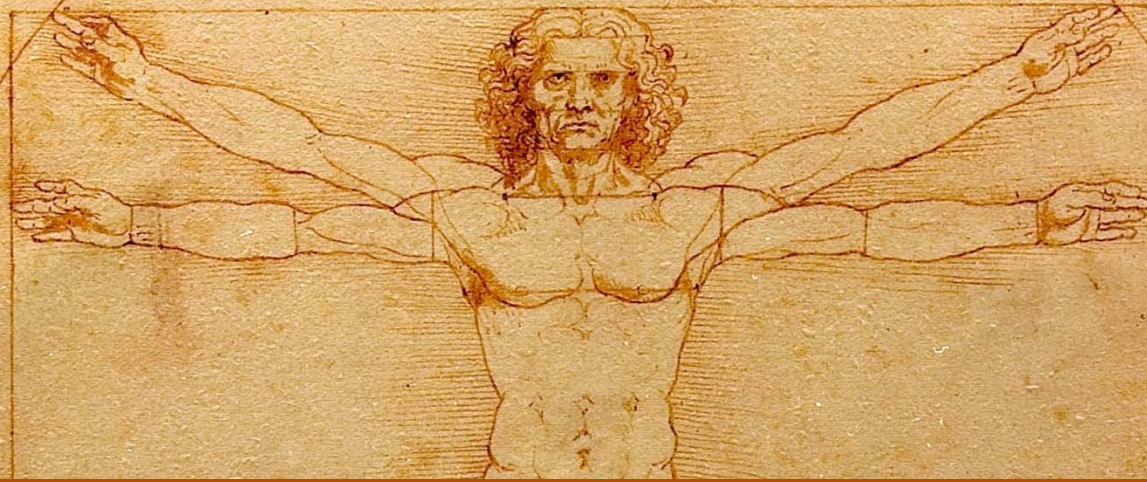
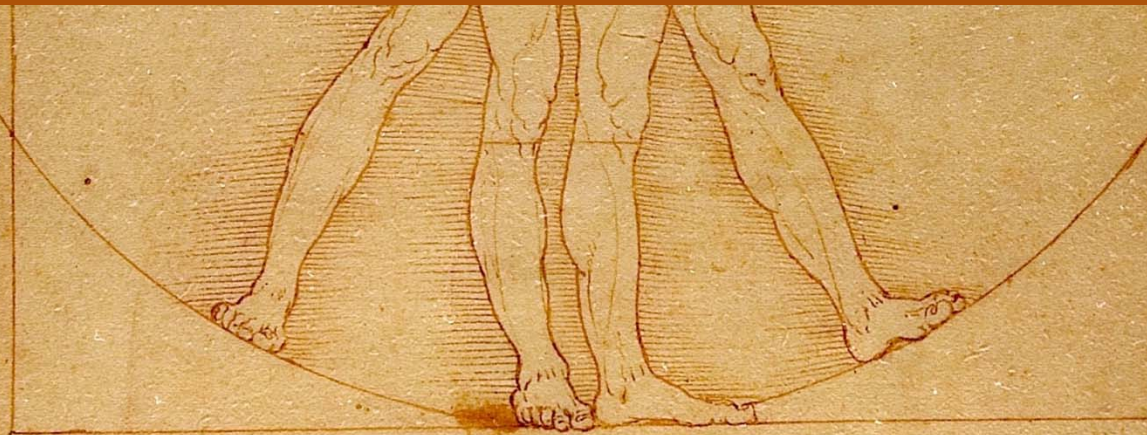


# Why Study the Bible: Part 1



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# Why Study the Bible?

1. We are Commanded To

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.

# Why Study the Bible?

2. It is the Inspired Basis for Living

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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.

What is right  
What is not right  
How to get right  
How to stay right

# Why Study the Bible?

## 3. Enables Us to Do Our Work

### Ephesians 2:8-10

<sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is the gift* of God,  
<sup>9</sup> not of *works*, lest anyone should boast.

<sup>10</sup> 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

## Word of God Is

- 66 Books
- > 40 authors
- Single integrated message
- Every detail is skillfully designed
- Origin is supernatural  
(outside of space and time)
- Authenticated by prophecy
- 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

# What the Bible Says About Itself

2. It is absolute Truth

John 17:17

Sanctify them in the truth;  
Your word is truth

- Our source of Faith and Practice



# What the Bible Says About Itself

## 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.**

# What the Bible Says About Itself

## 4. It Gives Direction to Our Lives

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a **lamp** to my feet  
And a **light** to my path.

# What the Bible Says About Itself

## 5. It Will Keep Us from Sin

### Psalm 119:11

Your word I **treasured/stored** up in my heart,  
That I might not sin against you.

# What the Bible Says About Itself

## 6. It Will be Used 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.**

# What the Bible Says About Itself

## 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!

# What the Bible Says About Itself

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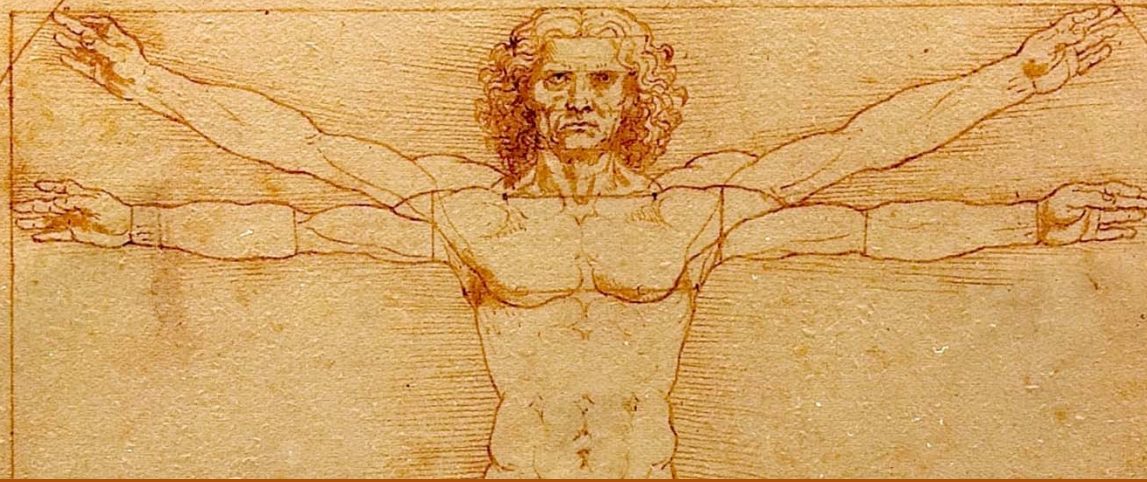
# Study / Practice / Teach

Guiding Principle

Ezra 7:10

For Ezra had set his heart  
to **study** the law of the LORD and  
to **practice** *it*, and  
to **teach** *His* statutes and ordinances in Israel.

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