

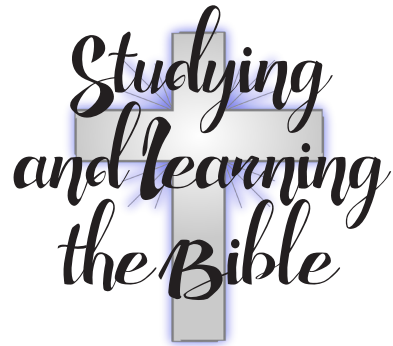


Lessons on the Christian Life
Lesson 5: The Word

I have come that they may have *life*,
and that they may have it more *abundantly*.

John 10:10





Studying and Learning the Bible

Imagine! The God who made the whole universe - the stars and planets, the tiny cells in our brains, huge mountain ranges and complicated science and math - *wrote a book for us* to tell us what we need to know to live on earth!

In 2 Timothy 2:15 we read that it is important to *study* the Bible. People who do not study the Bible, but think the pastor is the only who should study, often believe very wrong, dangerous things - like "It's not God's will to heal me" or "God hates sinners" or "God is trying to teach me something by letting me be depressed."

When you study the Bible for yourself, you are getting to know Jesus, who IS the Word and His *truth*.

1. Have you or your parents ever received something complicated for Christmas which had to be put together - but it had a book of instructions? **What would happen if you had no instructions?**

2. If you were discouraged, feeling no good, dumb and ugly, **how would it change** if you read this verse and thought about it for a while? Song of Solomon 2:14, "Let me see your face; let me hear your voice. For your voice is pleasant and your face is lovely."

3. What if you needed to make a decision and **didn't know what to do** but you read Proverbs 3:17 "Wisdom's ways are pleasant ways and all her paths are peace"?

4. What if you didn't feel like reading your Bible, but then you read Joshua 1:8? What **amazing** things does it say will happen for people who read and meditate (think about over and over) on God's Word?

5. Do you know that studying the Bible is letting God talk to you? The more you make studying the Bible a habit in your life - forever until you die - the more wonderful promises you will discover, the more wisdom to live and long & happy life. Let's read the book of instructions and love that God wrote for us. Help us, Lord. **Tell something neat you have learned since you started studying the Bible this year.**
