

2 Timothy 3:14-16 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

Heb. 4:12-13 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. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

Matt. 4:4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"

Eph. 6:14-17 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

How to Study the Bible

4 R's of Bible Study:

- **Read** - Open the Word and read it. Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
- **Receive** - Get the Word in you. Acts 17:11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily *to find out* whether these things were so.
- **Reflect** - How did this apply when it was written? How does it apply today? How does it apply to me?
- **Respond** - How will I live what I have learned? Phil 1:27 Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.

Methods of Study

- **Topical** - Pick a topic of interest to you, or something you may be dealing with. Anger, sickness, unforgiveness. Find all the verses on this topic.
- **Word study** - Find all the occurrences of a specific word. Sin, holiness, etc.
- **Book study** - Pick a book. Ephesians is a great place to start!
- **Character study** - Peter, Samson, Ruth, Gideon. How are we alike? How do we differ? How did God use them? How can He use me?
- 1 Chapter OT, 1 Chapter NT, a psalm and a proverb daily.

About 15 minutes of Bible reading each day will get you through the Bible in a year!

Resources for Bible study: biblegateway.com, blueletterbible.org. Install the apps!

