



WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?

It is the Instruction Manual from God.

Lesson 7 - HOW SHOULD WE USE (HANDLE) GOD'S WORD



Matthew 6:33

*"**Seek** first God's kingdom [His character, His Word, His righteousness], and all these things needed to build your character and bless your life will be provided to you."*

2 Timothy 2:15

*"**Handle** God's Word correctly."*

YOU HANDLE GOD'S WORD CORRECTLY BY ASKING GOD TO HANDLE YOUR LIFE.

Psalm 19:7-9 - The law of the LORD is perfect, ^[a] converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether & are more desired than gold.

Fill in the chart using the verse above from Psalm 19:7-9.

	Names For God's Word		Description	BENEFIT
7	The Law of the Lord	is		
7	The Testimony of the Lord	is		
8	The Statutes of the Lord	are		
8	The Commandments of the Lord	are		
9	The Fear of the Lord	is		
9	The Judgments of the Lord	are		

"Perfect" - Presents a complete picture in an incomplete world.

"Sure" - Give firm support in an unstable world.

"Right" - Draws a straight line in a crooked world.

"Clean" - Presents a pure way of life in a contaminated world.

"True" - Draws a straight line in a crooked world.

"Righteous" Presents a trustworthy guide in an unreliable world.

1. How is the world described the statements above?

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| a. I _____ | d. Con _____ |
| b. Un _____ | e. C _____ |
| c. C _____ | f. Un _____ |

2. What does the Bible provide for us while we live in this world?

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| a. A _____ picture | d. _____ way of life |
| b. Firm _____ | e. _____ guide |
| c. _____ line | |

SINCE THE WAYS OF THE WORLD AREN'T WORKING, WHY NOT TRY THE BIBLE?



RECEIVE IT (Be willing to hear it and read it.)

Acts 17:10-12 - When Paul and Silas arrived in the city of Berea, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. These people were more open-minded than the people in the city of Thessalonica. These Bereans received the Word with all readiness and searched the Old Testament Scriptures daily to make sure that what Paul & Silas were teaching was true. Many of those people became believers.

1. Yes No Are you willing to do this?
2. Yes No Do you have the courage to start your search?
3. Have you read the Gospel of John yet? Will you start? Yes No

STUDY IT (Be willing to spend the time digging deeper.)

Psalm 119:73 - Lord, You have made me and fashioned me. [You are my Creator.] Give me understanding that I may learn Your Word (Law, Testimony, Statutes, Commandments, Holy Scriptures, Judgments).

4. Yes No Are you willing to do this?
5. What is keeping you from starting? _____
6. Yes No Do you have the courage to ask God for understanding as you do this?

TRUST IT (Be willing to believe that what you are reading is true.)

Psalm 119:41-42 - Lord, from Your Word, let me hear about the love You have for me, and the Salvation that You gave me; then, I will have an answer for anyone who approaches me, FOR I TRUST IN YOUR WORD.

7. Yes No Are you willing to do this?
8. What Bible passage gives you trouble? _____
9. Yes No Is it possible that God knows more than you do? Can you move ahead on that basis?

THINK ON IT (Be willing to read & meditate on it every day.)

Joshua 1:8 - This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night so that you can obey everything in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

10. Reading the Bible is a decision. Yes No Are you willing to decide to read the Bible daily?
11. If God's Word was a habit for you, what would come out of your mouth? _____
12. Yes No If reading the Bible could guide you toward success, would it be worth the time?

OBEY IT (Be willing to make the life-changes that will line you up with God's Word.)

James 1:22-25 - But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror, going away, and immediately forgetting what he looked like. But he who reads God's Word and keeps doing it, not being a forgetful hearer but a doer of the Word, this one will be blessed in what he does.

13. Yes No Wouldn't you rather be a "doer" of God's words than a mere "hearer" of God's Word?
14. Making changes is a decision. Yes No Can you face your weaknesses & let God change you?
15. I have been a man fewer than 100 years; you too. God created & has cared for man for 4000-5000 years. Who has more experience at it? Yes No Will you consult God's instruction manual?

ENJOY IT (Be willing to want to hear God's Word.)

Psalm 119:103 - How sweet are Your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth. Through Your Word I get understanding; therefore, I hate every false way.

16. Wanting to hear from God proves that you are growing in your faith. Yes No Are you there?

TEACH IT (Be willing to share God's Word with others.)

2 Timothy 4:2-3 - Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching. For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear.

17. When someone is teaching God's Word, who is learning more? The Hearer The Teacher
18. When someone is teaching God's Word, who has more joy? The Teacher The Hearer God