

Read Your Bible

1. The Truth about the Bible

The Word of God will stand forever (Psa. 119:89, Mat. 24:35, 1 Pet. 1:25), it cannot be changed (Prov. 30:5-6, Rev. 22:18-19), it is the ONLY Book from God we have (2 Tim. 3:16, 2 Pet. 1:20-21, Psa. 12:6-7), it is the most powerful Book we have (Heb. 4:12, Rom. 1:16, Jer. 23:29), it is written with the greatest purpose (John 20:31, Rom. 15:4). What a BOOK! As we have learned from this lesson series on the Integrity of the King James Bible, what a privilege it is to have a copy of the divinely inspired and perfectly preserved Word of God! **The Bible is the absolute most wonderful Book that there has ever been in the history of mankind; BUT it is also the most worthless book that has ever existing, IF YOU DON'T READ IT!** 1 Tim. 4:13 comes before 2 Tim. 2:15. Jesus repeats the question 10 times just in the first three gospel records, "HAVE YE NOT READ?" How did he defeat the devil in the wilderness? IT IS WRITTEN! How great is the Name of Jesus? Phi. 2:8-11, Acts 4:12... YET Psa. 138:2. The average American reads 75 minutes per day, between newspapers, magazines, online articles, social media. Yet we speak 30,000 words per day (Prov. 18:21). I wonder what we are talking about?

2. A Thirst for the Bible

What does the Word of God do for believers?

- A. Produces Faith - Romans 10:17
- B. Produces Cleansing - John 15:3
- C. Produces Light - Psalms 119:105
- D. Produces Joy - John 15:11
- E. Produces Growth - 1 Peter 2:2

You might have attended church your entire life, and listened to many lessons and sermons along the way - you might have even read many religious books, and had a desire to learn more about God - but you still feel like you are not growing spiritually... Why? **Because there is no substitute for reading the Word of God for yourself, and allowing the Holy Ghost teach you the truths of God's Word!** There are many people who have been saved, but because they've never developed a strong desire for reading the Bible, they've never grown the way God has intended them to.

3. The Triumph of the Bible

Ephesians Chapter 6 deals with the spiritual warfare of the believer, and in it we learn about the armor of God. The armor is illustrated to have six physical pieces, but only one piece of the armor is offensive: the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. The only way we can fight the enemy is with the Word of God! **The more truth you know, the less lies you'll believe!** In other words, the more of the Bible you know, then the less likely you are to believe one of the devil's lies, which go against the Bible. Not only should you read and study the Bible, but you should also try to memorize Scripture, so that you can meditate upon it throughout the day. Joshua 1:8. The only time the word *success* appears in the entire Bible is right here in this verse. Do you want to have a successful life?