

Four Spiritual Reasons for Studying the Bible

2 Timothy 2:15

INTRODUCTION:

A. Lesson Texts:

1. **2 Timothy 2:15** – “Study to show yourself approved to God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
2. **Matthew 5:6** – “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”
3. **Psalms 119:160** – “The entirety of Your word is truth . . .” (NKJV) “The sum of thy word is truth . . .” (NASB)

B. God loved us enough to give us a book of guidance to enable us to find:

1. Him.
2. His Son.
3. His will.
4. His Heaven.

C. Spiritual knowledge must be sought and studied in order to be learned.

1. Interest leads to seeking.
2. Seeking leads to finding.
3. Finding leads to studying.
4. Studying leads to learning.
5. Learning leads to believing (faith).
6. Faith leads to obedience and faithfulness.
7. Obedience and faithfulness lead to salvation.

D. Let us examine four spiritual reasons for studying the Bible.

Reason #1: **WE MUST STUDY THE BIBLE TO PLEASE GOD . . . GOD HAS FREQUENTLY INSISTED THAT WE KNOW HIS WORD.**

A. Numerous passages throughout the Bible stress the need for understanding the Word of God.

1. **Colossians 1:9** – “For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.”
2. **Colossians 3:16** – “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom...”
3. **Ephesians 5:17** – “Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.”

4. **2 Peter 3:18** – “. . . Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

B. God is highly displeased with those who do not know His will.

1. **Hosea 4:6** – “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.”
2. **Romans 10:1-2** – “Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.” Note: Zeal does not trump knowledge.

3. **2 Thessalonians 1:7-9** – “And to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.

Reason #2: THERE ARE MANY SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS RECEIVED THROUGH BIBLE STUDY WHICH CANNOT BE OBTAINED IN ANY OTHER WAY.

A. Without divine revelation, man could not possibly know the will of God. **Isaiah 5:8-9** – “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.”

B. Man is completely incapable of directing his steps and must look to God's Word for guidance

1. **Jeremiah 10:23** – “O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.”
2. **Psalms 119:105** – “Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.”
3. **Psalms 119:130** – “The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.”

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Reason #3: THERE ARE MANY RICH REWARDS PROMISED TO THE STUDENTS OF THE BIBLE.

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Reason #4: THE BIBLE IS A BOOK OF TOMORROW, REVEALING TO

US OUR DESTINY AND OUR TERNAL HOPE.

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CONCLUSION:

- A. The Bible contains what God wants each of us to know. It deserves to be read and studied in view of eternity.
- B. Are you a student of the Holy Scriptures?
- C. Are you obedient to God’s will for your life?
- D. **God’s Plan for Man’s Salvation**