

# The Bible

The Bible is a beautiful, life-giving and life-transforming library, made up of many books and letters written over thousands of years. The Bible not only tells us the story of life but reveals the nature, personality and character of the God who authored the whole story.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

[2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)

## 1. It tells you the truth about God.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

[Romans 8:28-29](#)

## 2. God speaks through it.

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

[Romans 10:17](#)

The Bible guides us towards greater growth but we have to take the steps to go where we need to go. It's not like the path is clearly lit for you to always know where you are going. You have to trust God's word and let it guide your steps in life, and as you respond obediently to what God has said then the next step becomes clearer.



What stands out to you from what you've heard and what is your next step to reading the Bible more?

# How should I read my Bible?

## 1. Read it Consistently.

Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

[Joshua 1:7-8](#)

## 2. Read it Expectantly.

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

[Hebrews 4:12](#)

## 3. Read it Meditatively.

Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies.

[Psalm 119:97-98](#)

## 4. Read it Obediently.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

[James 1:22-25](#)



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