

# Lesson Seven ~ Bible Study

You are now a part of the family of God and you need to grow up into an adult Christian. Spiritual growth can only come as you read and study the Bible. The Bible teaches that as a newborn in Christ you must desire the “milk” of God’s Word. (see *I Peter 2:2*)

The best way to grow in Christ is to begin right now to develop habits that will ensure the joy-filled Christian life. One of those habits is reading the Bible every day. I suggest you do as millions of Christians before you have done: rise a little earlier in the morning than usual and spend a few moments reading a chapter of the Word of God. The gospel of John should be read first, and then you can start at the beginning of the New Testament and read it through. If you would like to read more, please do so. Reading four chapters a day will take you through the entire Bible in one year.

No Christian can grow in Christ without developing the Bible reading habit. However, those who begin to read God’s word are sure to become spiritual Christians they desire to be. Remember every word of the Bible is given by inspiration of God. That means that every word is “God breathed.” (see *II Timothy 3:16.*)

*Knowing that the Bible is God’s written Word to us should compel us to read every word, so that we will know God’s plan for our lives. Answering the following questions will help you to understand how important daily Bible reading is for your spiritual growth.*

## **I. Where Did We Get the Bible?**

- 1) Before man ever penned the pages of God’s Word here on earth, where was it settled forever (*Psalms 119:89*)?  
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- 2) When the writers of the Bible put the words of God on paper, who moved them to write (*II Peter 1:21*)?  
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- 3) Read *Psalms 12:6-7*, The Bible was given to us by God and preserved by God so that we can fully trust every word.
- 4) How long did Jesus say the Bible will last (*Matthew 24:35*)?  
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## II. How Important is Bible Reading?

- 1) According to *II Timothy 2:15*, who should we study our Bible?  
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- 2) What four things can we learn from the Bible (*II Timothy 3:16*)?
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  - b) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) What does the new Christian just learning about God's Word need according to *Hebrews 5:12*?  
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- 4) Read *Hebrews 5:14*, How do you become mature?  
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- 5) How does your faith grow (*Romans 10:17*)?  
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- 6) How can you find success (*Joshua 1:8*)?  
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## III. Seven Results of Studying God's Word

When you study the Bible you will reap immeasurable results. God will bless your life as you learn new things about Him through His Word. Look up the following verses. Each verse names a result of studying God's Word. Write the result next to each verse.

- 1) *Psalm 119:116* \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) *Psalm 119:105* \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) *Psalm 119:99* \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) *Psalm 119:11* \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) *Hebrews 5:14* \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) *Acts 20:32* \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) *Psalm 119:160* \_\_\_\_\_

#### **IV. Basic Principles of Bible Study**

In his book entitled Reality Living, Pastor Jeff Adams lists fourteen basic principles of Bible study:

- 1)** Effective Bible study depends upon a correct heart attitude (*Ezekiel 14:1-5*).
- 2)** All Scripture is to be understood within its proper context (*II Peter 1:20; Isaiah 28:10*).
- 3)** All Scripture is to be rightly divided (*II Timothy 2:15*).
- 4)** The individual words of Scripture are the key to correct understanding (*Proverbs 30:5, 6*).
- 5)** Understanding the Bible is not a matter of private interpretation (*II Peter 1:20*).
- 6)** The Bible must be understood by the normal and literal meaning of the words in the context in which you read them.
- 7)** The Bible must be understood in the light of God's consistency (*I Corinthians 14:40*).
- 8)** Never violate a clear passage of Scripture with one that is more obscure.
- 9)** The invisible things of God are understood by seeing them illustrated in God's creation (*Romans 1:20*).
- 10)** Never base a doctrine on a question or rhetorical or hypothetical statement (*I Corinthians 15:29*).
- 11)** Never base a doctrine on a single verse of Scripture (*II Corinthians 13:1; Isaiah 28:9, 10*).
- 12)** Understanding the Scriptures comes in time through spiritual growth (*I Corinthians 2:11-16*).
- 13)** Always give the Bible the benefit of the doubt – innocent until proven guilty (*Ezekiel 14:1-11; Isaiah 29:9-14*).
- 14)** God teaches us through the use of similitude and pictures (*John 15:5*).

**Key Memory Verses:**

*II Timothy 2:15; I Peter 2:2; Psalm 119:105; II Timothy 3:16*

**Note: Some popular attitudes about the Bible Study are:**

1. Bible studies are for those that are the teachers of theology or “clergy.”
2. Bible studies are pointless because it is too long to read and understand.
3. Why study a book that applied to civilizations that are nothing our current modern civilization.
4. I don’t need to, the preacher tell me all I need to know.

From the Bible principles taught in this lesson, you should understand that these attitudes are wrong, and why.

**Write any questions you may have concerning the subjects in this lesson.**