

READ IT (3)

- A. A Birds-Eye View of Your Bible
- B. What Translation of the Bible Should I Use?
- C. Eight Reasons to Read Your Bible
- D. How to Use Your Bible (Psalm 119:11-16)
- E. The Best Place to Start Reading Your Bible
- F. Four Steps to Reading Your Bible

Preparation

- Observation
- Interpretation
- Application
 - Personalization
 - Investigation
 - Communication
 - Memorization

- The Encouragement of Moses to Memorize Scripture
 - ❖ Deuteronomy 6:6 - It is the best way to keep God in the forefront of your mind
 - ❖ Deuteronomy 30:14 - It is the best way to remember God's promises
- The Encouragement of Solomon to Memorize Scripture
 - ❖ Proverbs 4:4 - It gives us a sense of confidence
 - ❖ Proverbs 6:20-23 - It helps us to fit Biblical truth into the routine of life
 - ❖ Proverbs 7:2-3 - It is a command for exact Biblical living
 - ❖ Proverbs 22:17-18 - It effects our tongue
- The Encouragement of David to Memorize Scripture
 - ❖ Psalm 37:31 - It gives spiritual stability
 - ❖ Psalm 40:8 - It gives us joy in obeying God
 - ❖ Psalm 119:11 - It's a strong defense against temptation
- The Encouragement of Paul to Memorize Scripture

❖ Colossians 3:16 - It allows us to impact others spiritually

➤ The Encouragement of Christ to Memorize Scripture

❖ Matthew 4:4, 7, 10 - It is our pattern to resist temptation

G. I'm Finished with the Gospel of John...Now What?

- Read the other Gospels - Matthew, Mark and Luke
- Read Philippians, Ephesians, Colossians and James which provide practical encouragement and instruction in living the Christian life
- Read Romans which is jam-packed with essential doctrine
- Read Genesis which explains how everything began
- Read Psalms which are heartfelt prayers that offer encouragement for every season of life

H. Understanding the Symbols for the Bible

- Mirror (James 1:23-25)
- Seed (1 Peter 1:23; Matthew 13:18-23)
- Water (Ephesians 5:25-27)
- Lamp (Psalm 119:105; Proverbs 6:23; 2 Peter 1:19)
- Sword (Hebrews 4:12; Ephesians 6:17)
- Precious Metals (Gold - Psalm 119:27; Silver - Psalm 12:6)
- Nourishing Food (Milk - 1 Peter 2:2; Solid Food - Hebrews 5:12-14)
- Nourishing Food (Bread - Matthew 4:4; Honey - Psalm 19:10)
- Hammer and Fire (Jeremiah 23:9; Luke 24:32)