Let's Talk About: The Bible

What is the Bible to you?

The word "Bible" simply means book, but the Bible is more than just a book. It is often described as the living the Word of God, meaning that it was not a book that was written thousands of years ago for a time long past. It is a book that brings life to people of every generation, giving them hope and leading them toward freedom with God.

Hebrews 4:12 tells us: **For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

What does this verse tell us about the Bible?

What do you think it means that the Bible is "sharper than any two-edged sword," "discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart?"

How is the Bible "piercing" you, discerning your thoughts and intentions?

Are you letting the Bible do this for you?

Understand that the role of the "living Word" is to discern your thoughts and intentions. Why do you think that it is important that your thoughts and intentions are discerned?

The Bible's Role in Your Life

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What does it tell us is the role of the Scripture (Bible)?

The role of the Bible is to discern, teach, correct, and train you. The wonderful thing about God is that He did not expect us to figure things out on our own. He pointed out our flaws, our need for Him, and gave us His Word to help correct and teach us.

This is the role of the Bible. However, if we are going to allow the Bible to correct and teach us, then we must believe that the Bible is accurate and true. Do you believe that the Bible is the Word of God, without error?

What doubts do you have about the Bible?

Are those doubts interfering with your relationship with God?

This is one of the biggest questions to ask yourself. If you are doubting things that you read in the Bible and that is making you question whether you should believe in God and His plan, this will greatly affect your ability to grow in your faith. Why do you think that is true?

A Guide for Your Life

Psalm 119:105 declares, "**Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path**." What does this verse teach you about how God's Word is helpful to you?

Is the Bible helping to guide you?

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The Bible is meant to guide and instruct you. The challenge for many is that they do not understand certain passages or stories told in the Bible, causing them to doubt or feel lost. Are you facing challenges like this?

If you are, you are not alone. It is likely that no one on earth completely understands everything in the Bible. The question to ask is how you can come to understand those confusing passages. So, what can you do?

Asking others for help can be a real challenge. You may not want to feel like you are "stupid," so you refuse to ask someone for help. Everyone has questions about the Bible, so there is no reason to feel stupid when you do not know. How you grow in your understanding of the Bible is to ask or seek help.

Who are some people who can assist you in understanding the Bible more?

Growing in Your Faith

If you are going to grow in your faith, then you must spend time in the Bible. This can be challenging because many of us become intimidated. Others may find the Bible boring. You may have reasons for not wanting to study, but keep in mind that the Bible was given by God to teach, guide, correct, and instruct you.

One of the most important things the Bible can teach you is about God and your relationship with Him. Pick a story from the Bible and explain what that story teaches you about God and His relation to you.

Something that is important for you to understand is that the more time you spend in the Bible, the easier it will be for you to understand it. You will also find that you enjoy reading it a lot more. It will become the "Living Word" to you.

Now, explain why it is so important that you read your Bible?

Develop a plan you will use to help study the Bible. How will you hold yourself accountable to following this plan?

Could you start a Bible study or attend a Bible study that could help you to grow in your faith? Who could study with you?

This question you should consider for a moment – why is it so important to God that you read your Bible?

This is the ultimate question to ask yourself. If God gave the Bible to help teach, correct, and guide you, then isn't it important for you to read it?

Your Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16 – **16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness…**

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