

What Really Matters #2

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“The Bible Is A Necessity”

1 Peter 2:2 (NLT) *You must crave pure spiritual milk so that you can grow into the fullness of your salvation. Cry out for this nourishment as a baby cries for milk.*

The Bible is _____ to people.

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV) ⁸ “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. ⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

Hebrews 4:12-13 (NIV) ¹² For the word of God is living 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. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight.

To get from the Bible what God wants to give me:

1. I must _____ of the Bible

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (NIV) *And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.*

Unreliable sources of authority:

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Exodus 23:2 (NIV) *Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong.*

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Mark 7:8 (NIV) *You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men.*

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Judges 21:25 (NLT) *In those days Israel had no king, so the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.*

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2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT) ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ It is God’s way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do.

2. I must _____ of the Bible

Process for assimilating God’s Word into my life – Luke 24:13-35

• It takes a _____ God’s Word

• It takes a willingness _____

• It takes a _____

3. I must _____ of the Bible

John 13:17 (NIV) *Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.*

James 1:22-25 (NIV) ²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

Hebrews 5:11-6:1 (NLT) ¹¹ There is so much more we would like to say about this. But you don’t seem to listen, so it’s hard to make you understand. ¹² You have been Christians a long time now, and you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things a beginner must learn about the Scriptures. You are like babies who drink only milk and cannot eat solid food. ¹³ And a person who is living on milk isn’t very far along in the Christian life and doesn’t know much about doing what is right. ¹⁴ Solid food is for those who are mature, who have trained themselves to recognize the difference between right and wrong and then do what is right. ¹ So let us stop going over the basics of Christianity again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding.

October memory verse: Romans 15:5 (NIV) *May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus.*