

The Christian and The Bible

We have seen in the previous lesson that the scriptures are reliable and trustworthy. But what role should they play in the life of the believer? How important should they be to us? Should we actually do something with them or just keep them sitting neatly on a shelf? The scriptures themselves say that the word of God should be as important to us as milk is to newborn babies. Without the regular intake of the pure milk of God's word, we will be left anemic and suffering from spiritual mal-nourishment. As the Holy Spirit is like water, essential for life, so the word of God is, like food, essential for spiritual growth. This week we will discover how important the Bible is in the believer's life and how it should affect our attitudes and actions.

What role does the Bible play in the Christian's life?

A. It is God-breathed and therefore our authority (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

1. It makes us wise for salvation (2 Timothy 3:15)

2. It is useful for: (2 Timothy 3:16)

a. teaching (telling us the truth)

b. rebuking (telling us when we stray from the truth)

c. correcting (telling us how to get back onto the truth)

d. training (telling us how to stay on to the truth)

B. It makes us thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:17)

C. It protects us from sin (Psalm 119:9-11)

1. It is our guide (Psalm 119:105)

2. It is our sword (Ephesians 6:17)

3. It is vital for spiritual growth (1 Peter 2:2)

What should our attitude be toward God's Word?

A. Since it is so powerful, we should be confident (Hebrews 4:12)

B. As it dwells richly in us, we should be thankful (Colossians 3:16)

C. As we consume it, we should be joyful (Jeremiah 15:16)

D. We should long for it (Psalm 119:131)

E. Know that it is good for us (I John 5:3, Psalm 19:11)

What should our action be toward God's Word?

A. We should hear it (Romans 10:17)

B. We should read it (Revelation 1:3)

C. We should study it (2 Timothy 2:15; Acts 17:11)

D. We should memorize it (Psalm 119:11)

E. We should meditate on it day and night (Psalm 1:2-3)

- Meditation leads to application in our lives

F. We should be doers of it and not just hearers (James 1:22-25)

- We should hasten to obey it (Psalm 119:60)

Memory Verse: Philippians 4:6-7