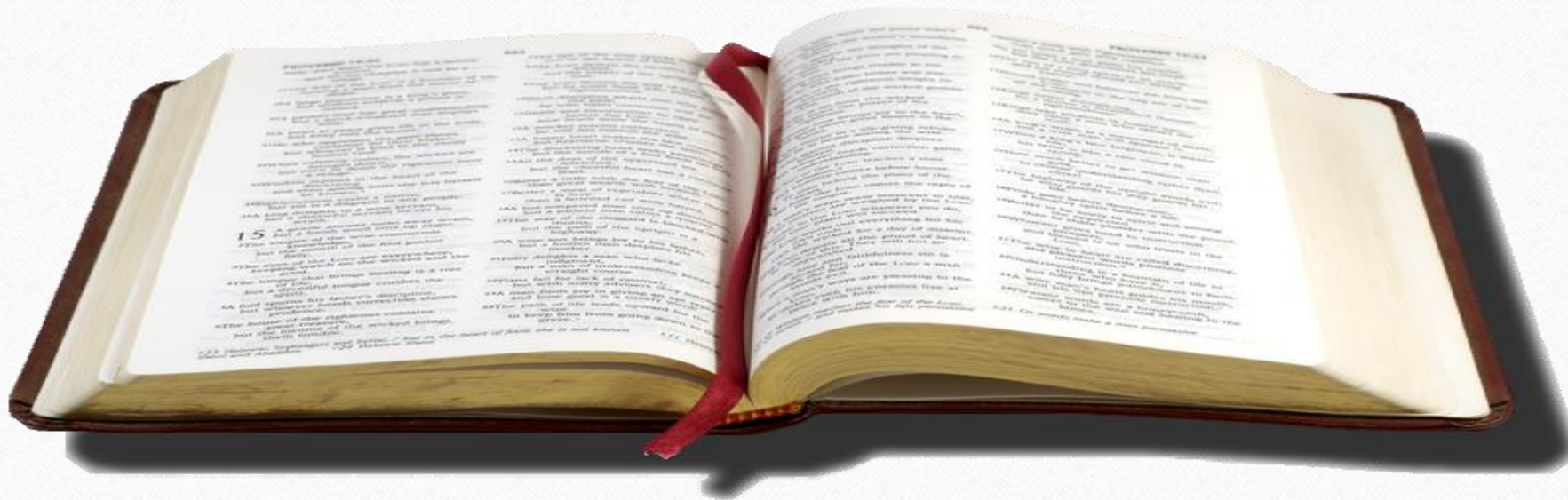


THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

Transformational Doctrine/The Bible

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HOLY SCRIPTURES

- Holy Scripture, it is the name that Christians give to canonical books of the Old Testament and New Testament inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- Scripture is called Holy because Holiness means to live our lives in a way that reflects God's glory rather than conforming to the ways of the world. (Romans 12:1-2)

HOLY SCRIPTURES

- Image what your life would be like without the scripture. How mundane, messy, your life would be.
- The Bible is a guide for the believer as he/she navigates their way through the maze of life.
- Read: Psalm 119:33-40, Psalm 119:133
- Notice what the Psalmist is saying in these verses...

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

- How many scriptures are in the Bible?
- Old Testament: 23,145 verses
- New Testament: 7,957 verses
- Total: 31,102 verses
- Read: Psalm 103:1-2 (This is 15,551 & 15,552 verses in the middle of the Bible.)

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

- There are at least (12) names titles for the Bible found in both the Old Testament and New Testament.
 1. Book of the Law (Deuteronomy 31:26)
 2. Gospel: (Romans 1:16)
 3. Law of the Lord: (Psalm 19:7)
 4. Living Words (Acts 7:38)
 5. Scriptures: (2 Timothy 3:16)

WHY DO WE NEED THE HOLY SCRIPTURES?

- Have you ever wondered why do we need the Bible?
 1. Learn about God
 2. Guidance:
 3. Spiritual Discipline
 4. Framework

WHY DO WE NEED THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

- Reading the Bible is how you learn who God is. The bible contains His message about life, relationships, work- all the things that give life meaning. The Bible show God who is personally interacting with people. It (Bible) shows how a Divine God, loving on humanity. In fact, the Bible is nothing but a love letter to the people of God. (Read: Jeremiah chapters 29-30)

WHY DO WE NEED THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

- Read: 2 Cor. 4:1-4

Sin has darkened the understanding of the mind of men, and still exercises influence on his conscious mental life.

How would a man know how to find truth? Or how to walk (live) in righteousness without the Holy Scriptures?

THE RELEVENCY OF THE BIBLE

- Many today wonder if the bible is still relevant?

Yes!! The Bible alone explains the original plan of God, how it was corrupted and how God has provided for man's restoration through His Son Jesus Christ.

Read: Romans 5:12-21

Read: 2 Peter 2:9

THE ORIGINAL PLAN OF GOD



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FIVE REASONS FOR RELEVENCY

1. The Bible is a LIVING BOOK (Genesis 2:7; 2 Peter 1:20-21)
2. The wisdom of the Bible is timeless (Read: Proverbs)
3. The accuracy of the Bible (Matthew 24)
4. The message of the Bible is clear (John 3:16)
5. The values and truths of the Bible are timeless (Psalm 119)

WHY DO WE NEED THE BIBLE?

- Without the scripture, man would not have direction on how to live his/her life. One would be completely undisciplined, like a mad dog without a chain!
- Read: 2 Timothy 3:16
- “Every part of scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another. Showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God’s way.” (Message)

WHY DO WE NEED THE BIBLE?

- Notice what Paul tells Timothy in that verse.
“EXPOSING OUR REBELLION” (REPROOF)
- Read: Proverbs 15:10,31 John 3:20
- Read: Ephesians 5:11-13

The scriptures will expose us, find us, and correct us!

THE MIRROR EFFECT OF THE SCRIPTURES

- Read: James 1:21-25

What would you see?

What would you change?



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THE BENEFITS OF READING THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

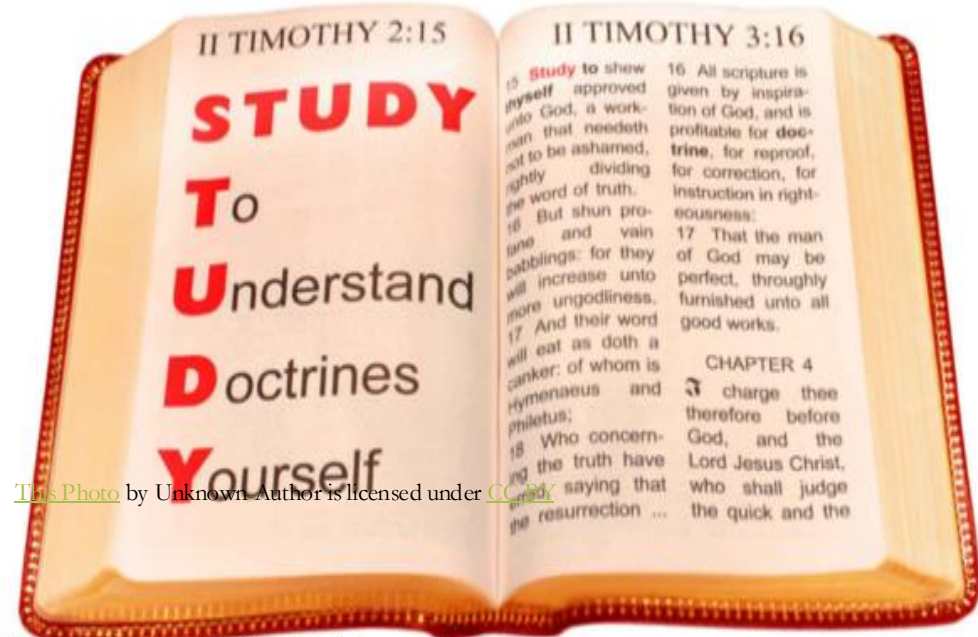
- There is a severe problem within the body of Christ. And that is a **LACK OF MOTIVATION** when it come to both the reading and studying of scripture.
- There is a difference between reading and studying. Reading involves a casual approach, while studying requires work, diligence and discipline.

THE BENEFITS OF READING THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

- “Thus, the real problem is negligence. We fail in our duty to study the word of God. It is not the lack of intelligence or a lack of passion. **OUR PROBLEM IS THAT WE ARE LAZY.**” (R.C. Sproul, Knowing Scripture, pg. 20)
- We are simply uninterested in reading and studying the scriptures!

THE BIBLICAL MANDATE FOR READING AND STUDY

- Read: Deuteronomy 6:1-9
- Read: Psalm 1:2-3
- Read: 2 Timothy 3:14-17
- Read: Psalm 119:33-30
- Read: 2 Peter 2



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THE BENEFITS OF READING THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

- The benefit of reading scripture is found through **PROPER BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION**.
- Define: the action of explaining something
- Biblical interpretation is known as **HERMENEUTICS** this is the process of understanding, translating, and explaining the meaning of the Bible's text.

INTERPRETING SCRIPTURE

- This is the process of personally discovering what God through his human authors intended the biblical text to mean and effect.
- Interpreting the Bible –Hermeneutics is the science and art of understanding, translating, and explaining the meaning of the scriptural text.

INTERPRETING SCRIPTURE

- Read: Acts 8:27-40 Acts 17:2-3, 11
- Read: Nehemiah 8:1-12

When interpreting the scriptures, one must ask (3) questions;

- a. Observation: What do I see?
- b. Interpretation: What does it say?
- c. Application: How does it apply to me?

INTERPRETING SCRIPTURE

- Read: 1 Corinthians 2:9-16
- Read: 2 Timothy 2:15

When you approach the scripture, you cannot bypass interpretation. Many observe but go straight to application. Observation is discovery; interpretation is digesting. One explores, the other explains... Biblical Interpretation, Dr. Zuck, pg.12

THE BENEFITS OF READING THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

- Read: Psalm 1:2-3

When we begin to hunger and desire the word of the LORD, notice how much better our lives will become. No longer will be governed by our flesh. But rather TRANSFORMATION will begin to manifest. We will live in truth, and like Philip can assist someone in their transformation.