



⚙️ **Think about what that means for you.** Write down some implications that the verses above have on how a Christian interacts with the Bible.

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💭 **The Bible can sometimes be an intimidating book for people.** Why do you think that is? Write down some reasons below.

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Which one of those do you feel the most? Circle that one.

## WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

📖 **Read 2 Timothy 3:15-17.** Using these verses, answer the following questions about what the Bible *is* and what it *does* . . .

The word Bible means book, but it isn't just another book. **According to 2 Timothy 3:16, what makes the Bible unique?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How much of the Bible came from that source?** \_\_\_\_\_  
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The Bible doesn't just *contain* God's words. The Bible *is* God's word--every word and every part. He gave it to teach and train us in what is right and reprove and correct us in what is wrong. **What 2 things does God intend to happen in a person when they read His word? (see v15 and 17)**

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## HOW SHOULD I READ THE BIBLE?

🚶 **According to Psalm 119:18, what is as an essential first step any time we read God's word?** \_\_\_\_\_

📖 **We have to actually read the Bible for it to change us.** Matthew 4:4 and Jeremiah 15:16 show us that reading the Bible is as essential to the Christian life as \_\_\_\_\_ is to staying alive.

⚙️ God's word isn't a magic book that works by mindlessly reading it's words. **What do Acts 8:30 and Acts 17:11 show us we should seek when we read God's word?** \_\_\_\_\_

✍️ God has given us His word to guide us through our busy and distracted world. Deuteronomy 6:6-9 describes the importance of integrating God's word into our hearts and lives. **Think super practically. What ideas do you have to help you better absorb and apply God's word to your life?**

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🏠 After asking for God's help, actually reading His word, seeking to understand and have it applied to your life, **finish with prayer:** "*Teach me, O LORD, the \_\_\_\_\_ of your statutes and I will keep it to the end... and observe it with my whole heart. \_\_\_\_\_ me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.*" (Psalm 119:31-34)



# HOW SHOULD I READ THE BIBLE?

You should have a \_\_\_\_\_ for reading your Bible.

*With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! (Psalm 119:10)*

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“Do you understand what you are reading?” - Acts 8:30

Blessed is the man...whose delight is in the law of the LORD. On his law he meditates day and night. - Psalm 1:1-3

What does God's word \_\_\_\_\_ mean \_\_\_\_\_?

Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart... - Jer. 16:17

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Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. - Psalm 119:18

PRAY



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- Ephesians 6 - The Armor of God
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- Genesis 12, 15, 17, 21-22 - Abraham
- Genesis 24-25, 27, 32-33, Isaac & Jacob
- Genesis 37, 39, 41-47 - Joseph
- Exodus 1-6 - The Call of Moses
- Exodus 7-14 - Moses & Pharaoh
- Exodus 20 - God's Law
- Joshua 1, Judges 1-2 - Cycles of Obedience to God
- 1 Samuel 7-9, 15-17 - The Rise & Fall of Saul
- 2 Samuel 5, 7-9, 11-12 - Stories of David's Life
- 1 Kings 2-3, 6, 11 - Solomon's Reign
- 1 Kings 11:9-14:31 - Dividing of the Kingdom
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- Job 1-2, 38-42 - God's Hand In Suffering
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- Proverbs 3, 5, 7, 16, 31 - Following Wisdom
- Jeremiah 11-12, 31;31-40 - The New Covenant
- Jeremiah 23:1-6, Isaiah 9:6-7, 53 - Messiah
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