

Study the Bible



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Key Question – How mature is your faith?

Essentials for a maturing faith

- **Study the Bible**
- Tell your faith story
- Live in Community
- Worship wholeheartedly
- Pray consistently

Isaiah 55:8-9 (HCSB)

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not My ways.” This is the LORD’s declaration. “For as heaven is higher than earth, so My ways are higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

Psalms 33:4 (HCSB)

The Word of the Lord is right, and all His work is trustworthy.

Psalms 18:30 (HCSB)

His word is perfect, the word of the Lord is pure.

Psalms 119:89 (HCSB)

Your word is forever, it is firmly fixed in heaven.

Deuteronomy 32:46-47 (HCSB)

“Take to heart all these words I am giving as a warning to you today, so that you may command your children to carefully follow all the words of this law. For they are not meaningless words to you but they are your life...”

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (HCSB)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Luke 11:28 (HCSB)

He said, “Even more, those who hear the word of God and keep it are blessed!”

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Reasons to study the Bible

- The Bible _____ God to us.
- The Bible can be _____.
- The Bible _____ us.
- The Bible _____ us to serve God.

Steps to study the Bible

1. Resolve to _____ the Bible as God’s Word and _____ what God teaches you through it.
2. Focus first on knowing the _____ of God and _____ in your personal relationship with Him.
3. Expect God’s Word to _____ you.
4. Develop a study _____ and tell someone about it.
5. Ask _____ as you study.
 - a. What does this tell me about God?
 - b. What does this tell me about me?
 - c. Is there a command to obey?
 - d. Is there a sin to confess or avoid?
 - e. Is there a verse to memorize?
 - f. Is there a promise to claim?
6. _____ what God reveals.