

WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?

5. STUDYING God's Word

★ We are commanded to be diligent to handle the word of God accurately (2 Timothy 2:15)

• diligent (verb)

4704 σπουδάζω *spoudazo*

= to hasten, make haste

= to exert oneself, endeavour

= to be eager, earnest

= to do with intense effort and motivation

• present (verb)

3936 παρίστημι *paristemi*,

= to place near

= used of a priest placing an offering on the altar

= used of a bride being presented to her groom (2 Cor 11:2; Eph 5:27)

• approved

1384 δόκιμος *dokimos*

= accepted, pleasing, acceptable

= genuine, judged approved by testing

• workman

2040 ἐργάτης *ergates*

= a worker, a labourer, a doer

• handling accurately (verb)

3718 ὀρθοτομέω *orthotomeo*

= to cut straight

= to handle correctly, skillfully

★ The study of the Bible produces many benefits and blessings for our life of faith

1. Because the Bible is God-breathed, His very words, it:

a) represents the body of truth, the sound doctrine that we must believe

b) reproves = reveals where we are wrong

c) corrects us

d) trains us to live righteously

e) equips us to serve the Lord well

(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

2. The Bible addresses and answers all the big philosophical questions of life and it clearly outlines the plan of salvation, our greatest need

3. The Bible is life to us and food for our soul

(Deut 8:3; Job 23:12; Ps 119:103)

4. The Bible is the source and basis of our faith and by it our faith grows strong to maturity

(Rom 10:17; 1 Pet 1:25-2:2)

5. The Bible gives us God's detailed plan for the future and we are assured that the best is yet to come; by it we are encouraged to set our mind on the things above

(Isa 34:16; 1 Cor 2:9; Col 3:2)

6. The Bible encourages us in perseverance so that we might have hope (Rom 15:4)

7. The Bible, the word of grace, is able to build us up (Acts 20:32)

8. The Bible provides guidance and direction for us, like a lamp in a dark place (Ps 119:105; Prov 6:23; 2 Pet 1:19)

9. The Bible is the word of truth that we need to know since there is so much false teaching and so many false teachers among us. It is the standard by which we can distinguish truth from error (2 Peter 2:1)

10. The Bible reveals to us God's nature and His ways. By it we can grow in grace and the knowledge of Him (2 Pet 3:18)

11. The Bible produces reverence for God (Ps 119:38)

12. Not paying attention to the word of God leads to death and destruction (2 Chr 36:16; Hosea 4:6; Rev 22:19; Prov 21:16)

13. Abiding in the word of God identifies and confirms us as true disciples of Christ (John 8:31-32)