

The importance of the Holy Bible (KJV) cannot be overstated. Consisting of the Old and New Testaments, it is God's complete written revelation to man.

**The How to Read the Holy Bible to Benefit Personally**

**Key verse: 1 Peter 2:2** “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.”

The Word of God is FOOD for our spiritual nourishment!

BUT IT IS ALSO....

1. A LAMP for our guidance (Psalm 119:105)
2. A WEAPON against our spiritual enemies (Ephesians 6:17)
3. An EQUIPMENT for every good work (2 Timothy 3:17)
4. A WITNESS for unsaved souls to learn about salvation (2 Timothy 3:15; Romans 10:17; 1 Peter 1:23)

How to Read the Bible to Benefit Personally:

- Sometimes just reading the Bible doesn't help – you have to know what you are doing.

1. PRAY (Psalm 119:18)
2. READ – The passage straight through so as to get an overview of it.
3. STUDY – Try to understand each part of the passage and learn its spiritual instructions.

Sometimes you will need to take the time to look up word meanings or background information.

4. RE-READ the passage with your personal needs in mind.
5. SELECT some truth or part of the Scriptures which stands out or impresses you.
6. THINK how this part relates to your life.
7. PRAY AGAIN – asking God to help you apply this truth to your life.

There is no substitute for daily reading the Holy Bible (Jn. 6:63; Matt. 4:4). Beware of things that steal your time with God and His word.

Next week...How To Understand the Holy Bible.