

HOW DO I USE THE BIBLE?



The books of the Bible are broken into chapters (the big numbers on the pages) and verses (the small numbers on the pages). This allows us to find different references within each book. For example, the reference to John 1:1-17 means to look in the book of John, the first chapter, and verses one through seventeen. Each of the sixty-six books of the Bible is listed in the table of contents in the front of your Bible, along with the page number to locate each book.

IMPORTANT STEPS TO FOLLOW WHEN STUDYING THE BIBLE:

- PRAY for the Holy Spirit to help you understand clearly the meaning of what you are reading. Do this before you read and continue as you read.
- Ask yourself, what is it saying? Identify truth that God teaches as God reveals them to you. How do I apply these truths to my life? Is there a promise to claim? An action to take? An example to follow? Something to avoid? Is there something that I should continue to talk to God about? It's a good idea to keep a journal so you can look back and see how God is changing you and working in your life. I like to use The Life Application Bible because it helps me understand how God's word speaks in every situation and circumstance of my life.

WHERE DO I START?



A good place to start reading your Bible is in the book of John. It is a powerful story of the life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus. After that just read through the remainder of the New Testament, then come back and pick up the other three Gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke. As you mature in your walk get into the Old Testament and read through it starting with the creation of the world in Genesis.

OTHER SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE BIBLE AND HOW FOLLOWING WHAT IT SAYS IS THE WAY TO GO!

Joshua 1:8—Psalm 19:7,8,11—Psalm 37:31—Psalm 119:9, 11, 24, 50, 98—Matthew 4:4—Romans 15:4—2 Timothy 3:15-17—Proverbs 2:2 & 3—Know, follow, and keep God's commands in your heart

ALSO CHECK OUT

“Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” (2 Peter 1:20-21)

“Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,” (1 Peter 2:2)

BEWARE OF THOSE THAT TEACH LIES!

“But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.” (2 Peter 2:1-3)