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It is absolutely essential that every Christian believer study God's Word. Without it, we are weak and susceptible to attack, and to being misled into false doctrine. God's Word provides the stability all Christians need to grow in grace, and God's Word is one of the only weapons we'll ever need in our daily spiritual warfare. The Word of God is His message to the world. The Bible contains all we need to know about God's personality, His righteousness, His character, His grace, mercy, and love for us. It is the greatest love story ever told. God gave us the scriptures so that we have the information and the assurances we need to learn to trust in Him. We find Jesus, and the blood of Christ, throughout the Bible. The message is clear, the message is timely, and the message is urgent. Here are seven reasons for daily study of God's Word, from the Word itself.

1. FOR FAITH

The Bible tells us that we are saved by grace, through faith ([Ephesians 2:8-9](#)). Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen ([Hebrews 11:1](#)) Believing God means fully realizing, believing and expecting that God will do what He has promised, and trusting in and enjoying those promises now. Faith proves to us the reality of things we cannot physically see with our human eyes, and when we see the promises of God as reality, faith becomes our shield from the fiery darts of the wicked, as an essential part of our spiritual armor ([Ephesians 6:10-18](#))

But where does faith come from? How does one obtain faith? [Ephesians 2:8](#) tells us it is a gift of God, so God gives every man a measure of faith ([Romans 12:3](#)), and it comes from hearing the Word of God ([Romans 10:17](#))

This is an amazing concept, but the truth is that faith only comes from God's Word, as His gift, and the more we study the word, the more our faith is increased. The Bible proves itself through prophecy and through knowledge that, were it not inspired, otherwise could not have been known at the time of the writings. Having confidence in the Word of God increases our faith in God and His Son, Jesus.

Without faith, it is impossible to please God ([Hebrews 11:6](#)), and faith comes from the Word, so if we don't study and increase our faith, we cannot possibly please God.

2. FOR GROWTH

The only way to grow spiritually in Christ is through the Word. We should desire the sincere milk of the Word, that we may grow ([1 Peter 2:2](#)). The Word of God is profitable to us for doctrine (right teaching), for reproof (conviction, proof), for correction (rectification, reformation), and instruction in righteousness (education of justification in Christ), that we may be complete, and fully equipped for all good works expected of a child of God. ([2 Timothy 3:16-17](#))

How can we possibly know how to please God if we do not read His instructions to us? Spiritual growth is the only way we can overcome our own shortcomings. As we grow spiritually as Christians, we do our part as a child in developing a right relationship with our Father.

Study of God's Word will convict us of sins, help us to confess and repent, and instruct us in how to live in this wicked world as lights in the darkness. Spiritual growth is essential in our Christian lives, and we need to study the Bible daily so that we can grow thereby.

3. FOR ASSURANCE

We Christians do not have to live in fear for our lives, nor our souls. We have confidence in our eternal life with Christ Jesus because we have God's Word on it. God promises in His Word that those who are re-born in Christ have eternal life, right now, in the present tense. We can revisit point number one on faith for just a moment here and realize that, if we believe God's promises (have faith), then we know that He will do what He has promised, and He has already granted us eternal (forever) life through the blood of Jesus Christ.

It's one thing to hope that we make it. There are many people today who are trying to live good, clean lives in the hope that they will somehow merit salvation. That is not possible, since there is only one way to receive salvation from God's judgment for sin (Hell). Throughout the Bible, we are told over and over that salvation is by grace through faith, and it's a free gift. If we have repented (changed our minds and turned to God through Christ), and believed in Jesus (trusted in His sacrifice as payment for our sin), then we have God's promise that we have eternal life. ([John 3](#))

But there's more. By studying the Bible, we learn more about our inheritance in Christ Jesus, and we are given assurances of our eternal salvation. We receive the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, when we are born again in Christ Jesus. The Bible teaches us that the Holy Spirit guides us, through our conscience, and even reveals God's will to us at certain times. God teaches us that the Spirit is the earnest (down payment) of our inheritance, and even helps us pray ([Ephesians 1:13-14](#); [2 Corinthians 1:22](#); [Ephesians 4:30](#); [Romans 8:26-27](#))

We are assured of our redemption and inheritance as children of God by the fruit of the Spirit which dwells within us, by our Love for other Christians, and by our desire to do God's will in our lives ([Galatians 5:22-23](#)) ([1 John 3:14-24](#))

4. IT IS COMMANDED/EXPECTED

The Bible tells us that we should study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth ([2 Timothy 2:15](#)). In other words, we should study to present ourselves as acceptable to God, workers for His cause that are not

ashamed to tell others the Gospel, and to rightly divide the Word and keep all scripture and doctrine in proper context. The passage goes on to say that we are to shun, or avoid vain and profane babblings (wicked, sinful, empty discussions) because they increase into more serious sinfulness.

God expects us to study the Bible so that we can work as witnesses, with knowledge of the Law and of Grace, and to be able to shamelessly explain the Gospel to a lost sinner in a correct way; and we are to avoid empty discussions or sinful speech because it leads to more serious sin and wickedness.

5. FOR WITNESSING

God expects us all to be lights in this dark world. The Bible teaches us that this is a two-fold mission for all Christian believers. First, we are to be examples of Godly love and kindness in the world. In fact, Jesus himself said that the whole law of God hangs on two commandments: love for God and love for our neighbor ([Matthew 22:35-40](#)) He commanded us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, letting our lights shine so that men may see our good works and glorify God ([Matthew 5:13-16](#)). We are commanded to be examples to the world by our good works toward others ([1 Timothy 4:12](#); [Hebrews 12:1](#))

We need to study God's Word daily so that we know how to love others, so that we may grow and be able to be good examples, and to let our lights shine before the world that they may see our good works and glorify our Father.

The second command is to go and share the Gospel with others. Jesus said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations..." ([Matthew 28:19-20](#)) and again, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" ([Mark 16:15](#)). The command to GO is very clear. It reveals the expectation that we are to make an effort to reach the lost and share the good news of Christ's redemptive work with them.

We need to be able to explain God's Law to the unbeliever, and to challenge them to measure their lives with God's standard of righteousness and not their own. Then we need to be able to explain how Jesus fulfilled all of the Old Testament prophecies concerning Christ, and that he lived a perfect life, and was sacrificed for our sins so that we might be forgiven of sin and freed from its bondage through the Spiritual adoption into God's family. Only by God's grace, through faith (trust in Christ) can anyone ever be born again. No amount of good works can save anyone. ([Ephesians 2:8-9](#); [Romans 3:23](#); [Romans 6:23](#); [Romans 5:12](#); [Romans 10:9-10](#); [Titus 3:5](#); [Galatians 2:16](#))

Only by studying the Bible and prayer can we obtain the boldness needed to go forth and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to lost sinners. Only through love for God and for people will we find the strength to "Go". We should always be ready to give an answer for the hope that lies within us, and take every opportunity to do so ([1 Peter 3:15](#))

6. FOR COMFORT

As Christians, we face many trials and tough times, just like unbelievers do. The difference is that we have God's Word, His promises, to comfort us and assure us that all things work together for our good ([Romans 8:28](#))

We have comfort that, no matter how bad the situation may be, God has a plan, and it will work out for our good somehow. He promised it. Even though we don't always understand God's allowing certain things to happen, we can take comfort in the knowledge that He is with us through every trial, and that He never allows us to be tried above what we can bear without making a way of escape for us ([1 Corinthians 10:13](#))

Christians have the benefit of the Comfort of the Word of God about so many things. Through His Word, we learn that we have eternal salvation, and eternal life through Jesus Christ. Even when we must face the death of our physical bodies, we can be comforted with the knowledge that we will be with Jesus. God's Word gives us so many promises and so many comforting passages that we could not possibly recount them all here.

God promises to comfort us ([2 Thessalonians 2:16-17](#)) and give us "everlasting consolation". Because Jesus was tempted, just as we are, He is able to help us through our temptations ([Hebrews 2:18](#)). He has promised never to leave us, nor forsake us; that we may say that He is our helper, and we do not have to fear what man may do to us ([Hebrews 13:5-6](#))

The Lord is our shepherd. He leads us and guides us and provides for us. He protects us and teaches us and gives us strength ([Psalm 23](#)).

We can take comfort in the knowledge that Jesus is coming soon, and we will be called up to meet Him, and we will be changed to be like Him, so that our earthly trials and bonds will be no more, forever ([1 Thessalonians 4:16-18](#)). We are to comfort one another with these words.

7. FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE

[Ephesians 6:10-18](#) gives us a clear description of the Whole Armour Of God. If we break down the individual pieces of this armor, and weaponry, we find that it all is derived from the scriptures. The Word of God is the Armour Of God.

Think about the individual parts of God's Armour:

- ✓ The Belt Of Truth – What is truth? God's Word is truth ([John 17:17](#))
- ✓ Breastplate of Righteousness – We have the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, and we are begotten by the Word ([2 Corinthians 5:17-21](#); [James 1:18](#))

- ✓ Shoes of The Preparation Of The Gospel Of Peace – We are to be prepared, through knowledge of the Word, to “Go” and share the Gospel ([Matthew 28:19-20](#))
- ✓ Shield Of Faith – Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God ([Romans 10:17](#))
- ✓ Helmet Of Salvation – Knowledge, assurance of our salvation protects the mind, and comes directly from God’s Word ([John 3:16](#); [John 3:36](#))
- ✓ Sword Of The Spirit – Which is the Word of God ([Ephesians 6:17](#); [Hebrews 4:12](#); [Revelation 1:16](#))

Now, let’s look at Jesus’ own example of how to fight spiritual battles. When Christ was tempted in the wilderness by Satan, each time Satan tempted, or attacked him, Jesus simply used the Word as His only weapon. He quoted scripture in answer to Satan’s temptations. Jesus said, “It is written...” each time, and Satan left him alone.

The only defense, the only weapon we have in our warfare against spiritual wickedness is the Word of God. When we stand upon God’s Word in our daily warfare, we can be sure that we are wearing impenetrable armor, and we wield an unbreakable, two-edged sword that enables us to stand against the wiles of the devil.

These are seven reasons to daily study God’s Word. I encourage you to study to shew thyself approved. I encourage you to click the links, or look up each scripture reference, and read the scripture for yourself. Put it in context and see for yourself that study and knowledge of God’s Word, the Bible, is necessary for Christian living.