

KEY FACTS ABOUT YOUR TOPIC

- THE BIBLE IS A COLLECTION OF SACRED TEXTS OR SCRIPTURES.
- VARYING PARTS OF THE BIBLE BIBLE ARE CONSIDERED TO BE A PRODUCT OF DIVINE INSPIRATION AND A RECORD OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOD AND HUMANS BY CHRISTIANS, JEWS, SAMARITANS, AND RASTAFARIANS.
- THE BIBLE APPEARS IN THE FORM OF AN ANTHOLOGY, COMPILING TEXTS OF A
 VARIETY OF FORMS THAT ARE ALL LINKED BY THE BELIEF THAT THEY
 COLLECTIVELY CONTAIN THE WORD OF GOD. THESE TEXTS INCLUDE
 THEOLOGICALLY-EMBELLISHED HISTORICAL ACCOUNTS, HYMNS, ALLEGORICAL
 EROTICA, PARABLES, AND DIDACTIC LETTERS.

WHO'S WHO?

CHARACTERS:

- SATAN, JOHN THE BAPTIST, GABRIEL, DANIEL, ELIZABETH, MARY, SAUL, LUCIUS OF CYRENE, NOAH, JUDAS BARSABBAS, ABRAHAM, PHILIP THE EVANG...
- GENRES: LAW, POETRY, PARABLE, HISTORY, EPISTLE, RELIGION, WISDOM, PROPHECY
- ADAPTATIONS: KING OF KINGS (1961), THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (1956), THE NATIVITY STORY (2006), SAMSON AND DELILAH (1949), SOLOMON AND SHEBA (...
- GENUS: LAW, POETRY, PARABLE, HISTORY, EPISTLE, RELIGION, WISDOM, PROPHECY

RELATED TOPICS

- JESUS CHRIST
- GOD
- MOSES
- HEBREW BIBLE
- TEN COMMANDMENTS
- JUDAISM
- PAUL THE APOSTLE
- ABRAHAM RELATED TOPICS TO RESEARCH

I. BEGIN WITH READING THE GOSPELS

If you're new to the Bible, a great place to start is with the Gospels:
Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. These books tell the life story of Jesus
Christ, His ministry, His teachings, His miracles, and His incredible acts of
compassion and love. They provide a solid foundation for knowing Jesus
and growing closer to Him.

Then He got into the boat and His disciples followed Him. Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey Him!" — Matthew 8:23-27

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked Him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." — Mark 12:28-31

II. Explore the Psalms for Inspiration

To connect with the Bible on an emotional level, turn to the Book of Psalms. It's like a treasure trove of heartfelt prayers, songs, and poetry that reflect the full range of huma Whether you're feeling joy, sadness, gratitude, or even frustration, the Psalms have got you cov Recommended Verses:

Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." A comforting reminder of God's presence and provision

III. Follow a Bible Reading Plan

To make your Bible reading more structured, consider following a reading plan.

These plans break down the Bible into manageable daily readings, allowing you to cover the entire Bible over time.

You can find various plans online or use a Bible app that offers built-in reading plans.

IV. Take It Slow and Reflect

Reading the Bible isn't a race; it's a journey. So, take your time! Engage with the text, ponder its meaning, and allow it to speak to your heart.

Consider journaling your thoughts, questions, and insights along the way. This practice will deepen your understanding and personal connection with the scriptures.

Don't be afraid to seek guidance and insights from others. Joining a Bible study group or discussing your Bible reading with fellow believers can enhance your understanding and provide valuable perspectives.

(Seek out a Teacher of the Word not someone on television.)

Engaging in meaningful conversations about the Bible will broaden your understanding and enrich your faith.

Conclusion

Starting your Bible reading journey may feel overwhelming, but remember, it's a personal and transformative experience.

Begin with the Gospels and Psalms, immerse yourself in their timeless wisdom, and let the words resonate with your heart. Use reading plans, take your time, and seek support from a community.

Enjoy the adventure of discovering the treasures within the Bible, and most importantly, let its teachings inspire you to grow in faith, love, and compassion. Happy reading!



BIBLE STUDY TIPS WHEN
CONDUCTING YOUR OWN
PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY.

- 1. Use multiple translations. Regardless of which translation you use regularly, get several of the better translations and compare these as you study. When it comes to translations, there is safety in numbers. What is unclear in one translation is often clear in another. (The Parallell Bible)
- 2. Look up unfamiliar words. It's amazing how many people will come across words they don't know in the Bible and never make any effort to find out what they mean. Keep an English dictionary and a Bible dictionary handy, and use them every time you need to. God's word is too important not to know what the words mean. (Strong's Concordance)
- 3. Outline the books. You don't have to do the kind of detailed outlines your teachers made you do in school (back in the old days). Just learn to see the major sections of each book and how they fit together. (Outline Bible: By Harold L. Wilmington)
- **4. Engage all three parts of your mind: INTELLECT, EMOTIONS, and WILL.** God gave us all three parts of our minds, and we need to use them all. When you study, bring your emotions and your will to the aid of your intellect. Having learned intellectually what God says, feel emotionally as you ought to feel about it and then use you will to do what you ought to do about it!
- **5. Study to learn more than what the text does not say.** We certainly need to be able to refute false doctrine. But we need to know more about each passage than what it does NOT say. The question is: what DOES it say? And especially, what does it say to ME? What is God saying that I myself need to hear?

- **6. Look for three things: INFORMATION, INTERPRETATION, and APPLICATION.** When we study, we need to get not only the "information" (what it says) and the "interpretation" (what it means), we also need to look for "application" (how we can use what we've learned).
- **7. Bathe your study in prayer.** Prayer is the Number One thing we can do to help ourselves in any endeavor, including Bible study. Without a prayerful attitude, Bible study can actually be dangerous. So pray before you study, while you study, and after you study.
- **8.** Be patient. Much of what we need to learn takes time. We must be willing to go over the text again and again and again. Patient repetition, perhaps stretching over many years, is what will yield substantial results. Don't give up. Just go over the text carefully, put it away, and then go over it again later. Keep doing this for the rest of your life.
- **9.** Be honest and courageous. When we study God's word, we must strive to lay aside our preferences and preconceived ideas ,and be willing to LEARN whatever the text actually says. And having done that, we then need to DO what we should about what we've learned.
- **10.** The ability to get quality results in Bible study is not an inborn trait it is something that can be learned. And the truth is, most of us have a lot to learn about even the simplest aspects of searching the Scriptures; we're hardly more than children in our study skills. Let's decide to do better. Which of these ten tips can you make the best use of?

References & Apps

https://faithgateway.com/blogs/christian-books https://wordpoints.com/ten-tips-better-bible-study/

List of a few Bible Apps

- 1. Olive Tree Bible App
- 2. Bible One
- 3. BLB(Blue Letter Bible)
- 4. Bible Hub
- 5. BibleGateway