

The Transforming Power of the Bible

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may **be thoroughly equipped for every good work.** - 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV

“Thy word is **a lamp** unto my feet, and **a light** unto my path.” - Psalm 119:105 KJV

BIBLE PLEDGE

“I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God’s Holy Word. I will make it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Its words I will hide in my heart that I may not sin against God.”

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE

- What We _____ Determines How We _____.

Then we will no longer be infants, **tossed back and forth** by the waves, and **blown here and there** by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. - Ephesians 4:14 NIV

A MORAL DECLINE

A. It’s Reflected On A _____ Level.

B. It’s Reflected On A _____ Level.

TYPES OF CHURCHES

1. The Bible _____

2. The Bible _____

3. The Bible _____

“There is **a way** that **seems right** to man, but **in the end it leads to death.**” - Proverbs 14:12 NIV

And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, **the word of God**, which is **at work in you who believe.** - 1 Thessalonians 2:13 NIV

“What Can I Do To Make A Difference?” _____

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- How consistent are you in spending time with God?
- What other activities/events typically get in the way of studying God’s Word?
- Do you agree with: “God said it. I believe it. That settles it.” If so, explain in detail. If not, explain in detail.
- Read Ephesians 4:14, and explain some society norms that have shifted in your lifetime because culture has moved away from Scripture as its moral authority.
- We’ve been reciting the Bible Pledge weekly. How has that worked out this week?
- What did God speak to you during this message? Discuss it.
- How can you pray this week to make a commitment to reading of God’s Word daily?