

\*\*\***Background Picture: an old leather-bound Bible**

## **“Why Should You Read The Bible?”** **Hebrews 4:12-13**

You should read the Bible because:

### **I. The Bible Is Compellingly Relevant.** (vs. 12A)

The Word of God is “active” and “alive”. “Alive” means it’s “living” while “active” means “it is at work”, it has power and purpose.

The Jews believed that once a word was spoken it went forth, it did things, it accomplished tasks.

Consult the Bible for daily living instructions.

### **II. The Bible Is Ruggedly Penetrating.** (vs. 12B)

The Word of God opens up the inner life and exposes it to others.

The Word of God is the ultimate discerner of every deed we do and every thought we have.

The Word of God is like Jesus coming to your house and inspecting you.

### **III. The Bible Is Thoroughly Revealing.** (vs. 13)

The Word of God opens and uncovers our faults and failures. It exposes and reveals.

When a woman looks in a mirror, she does so often, and she usually adjust her looks. A man rarely looks and if he does, it’s a glance and then he moves on.

God wants us to look in His Word intently. Look and reflect. Roll it over and over in your mind and then do something.

### **Conclusion:**

“There’s no book like the Bible.”

*“The Bible is a gift to be cherished with detailed attention!”*