

The Key to Personal Growth
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"Like babies that were just born, you should long for the pure milk of God's word. It will help you grow up as believers." (1 Peter 2:2, NIV)

How to Get the Most from My Bible

1. **REALIZE** God wants to speak to me

"What God has said isn't only alive and active! It is sharper than any double-edged sword. His word can cut through our spirits and souls and through our joints and marrow, until it discovers the desires and thoughts of our hearts." (Hebrews 4:12-13, CEV)

"Everyone who belongs to God hears what God says." (John 8:47, NIV)

2. **READ** it regularly

"Blessed is the one who ...takes delight in the law of the Lord. He thinks about his law day and night." (Psalm 1:1-2, NIV)

"Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy." (Revelation 1:3, NKJV)

3. **REMEMBER** what I read

"So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it." (Hebrews 2:1, NLT)

"... if you do what [the Bible] says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it." (James 1:25, NLT)

4. **REFLECT** on it during the day

"[The] Righteous chew on wisdom His heart pumps God's Word like blood through his veins. " (Psalm 37:30-31, The Message)

5. **RESEARCH** it thoroughly

"But the truly happy people are those who carefully study God's perfect law that makes people free, and they continue to study it...." (James 1:25, NCV)

"The people here were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, since they welcomed the message with eagerness and examined the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so." (Acts 17:11, HCSB)

6. **RELATE** it to everyday life

"Let those with ears use them and listen!" (Matthew 11:15, NCV)

7. **REVIEW** it with others

"Apollos began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him home with them and explained to him more correctly the Way of God." (Acts 18:26, GNT)

"Just as iron sharpens iron, friends sharpen the minds of each other." (Proverbs 27:17, CEV)

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