



**YOU BETTER CHECK THE RULES**  
**The Games of Life: Part 3**  
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**WHAT MAKES THE BIBLE UNIQUE??**

1. **IT'S RELIABLE.**

*"Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God." (2 Peter 1:20-21, NLT)*

2. **IT'S REMARKABLE.**

*"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17, NLT)*

3. **IT'S RELATABLE.**

*"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires." (Hebrews 4:12, NLT)*

**HOW TO FOLLOW THE RULES**

1. **RECEIVE IT WITH MY EARS.**

*"Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ." (Romans 10:17, NIV)*

*"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you." (James 1:19-21, NIV)*

For "Good Reception" I need to be:

- **QUIET**  
*"Be quick to listen, slow to speak"*
- **CALM**  
*"and slow to become angry"*
- **CLEAN**  
*"get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent"*
- **HUMBLE**  
*"humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you."*

2. **READ IT WITH MY EYES.**

*"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves..." (James 1:22a, NIV)*

"Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near." (Revelation 1:3, NIV84)

Levels of Reading

- COMPREHENSIVE
- COMPREHENSION

3. RESEARCH IT WITH MY HANDS AND MOUTH.

"But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do." (James 1:25, NIV)

"Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved...correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth." (2 Timothy 2:15, ANT)

Bible "STUDY" requires:

- DOCUMENTING
- DISCUSSING

"You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!" (John 5:39, NLT)

"And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth." (Acts 17:11, NLT)

4. RESPOND WITH MY LIFE.

"Do what God's teaching says; when you only listen and do nothing, you are fooling yourselves." (James 1:22, NCV)

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." (Matthew 7:24-27, NIV)

Next steps  
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BIBLE OVERVIEW