

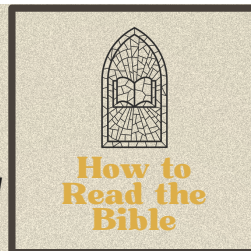
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HOW TO READ THE BIBLE.
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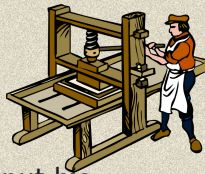
Foundation Verse

Ephesians 2:10: "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."



FRAME Questions:

How is the Bible structured?
What does Scripture say about itself?
Can the Bible impact my life personally?

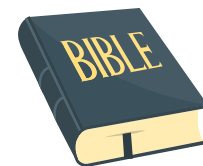


Opening Image

Before 1454, when Johannes Gutenberg put his printing press into commercial use, all literature was hand-written; whole copies of the bible, or any book, were very expensive, rare, and hard to come by. The Gutenberg press helped eventually place the bible in the hands of ordinary people like you and me. Since those early moments in 1454 to this very day, the Bible is the most printed book in all of human history, with an estimation of somewhere between 5 and 7 Billion copies having been printed. Bibles are currently being printed at approximately 80 million per year. The Bible is truly the all-time best-selling book. Perhaps it's worthy of our attention and getting to know it a little better?

What Does Scripture Say About the Bible?

- The Bible is a collection of 66 books.
- Written by 40 men over a 1500-year period.
- The Bible is divided into two major sections: **The Old Testament & The New Testament**.
- There is a 400-year gap between the end of the Old Testament and the beginning of the New Testament

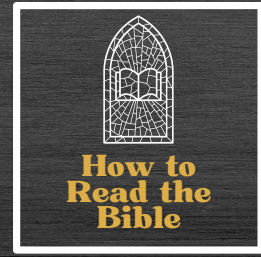


Questions #1

**What do you know about the Bible?
How would you describe the Bible in your own words?**



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How is the Bible Structured?

- *It is from God.*

2 Tim. 3:16: "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and training in righteousness."

- *It is divine and powerful.*

Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

Questions #2

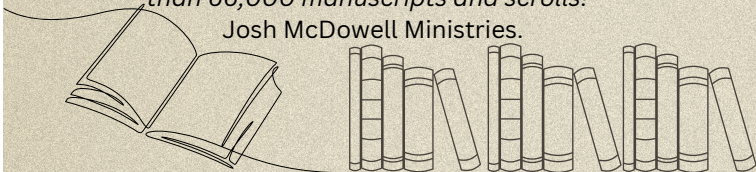
Why Do you trust the Bible?

What does reading the Bible do for you personally? Can you share a personal story about a time when the Bible had a real impact on your life?

The Bible tells a story from beginning to end. The story shows us God's creative power and loving heart from the beginning. From the Old Testament to the New Testament, the story of Scripture is of the brokenness of humanity and sin being redeemed by God through Jesus Christ. The Bible is no ordinary book, and there is no other book or manuscript on the planet like the Bible. From a historical perspective alone, the Bible is unlike any other manuscript.

"Of just the known 5,800+ Greek New Testament manuscripts, there are more than 2.6 million pages! That equates to one mile of New Testament manuscripts (and 2.5 miles for the entire Bible), compared with an average of four feet of manuscripts by the average classical writer. So, combining both the Old and New Testament, we have more than 66,000 manuscripts and scrolls!"

Josh McDowell Ministries.



How Does the Bible Impact My Life

- It gives direction and instruction for living.

Ps. 119:105: "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Joshua 1:8. "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."

Not only does the bible give instruction for living, it gives instruction for the best way to live, how to live with the blessings, presence, and authority of God in any and every aspect of our lives

MORE RESOURCES & EXTENDED LEARNING.



- **The Bible Project**
(<https://bibleproject.com>)
- **30 Days to Understanding the Bible by Max Anders (Book and Study Guide)**