

The ONE Thing.

Monty Watson : ChurchAtCanyonCreek.com : A Bible & Chair

“The most important thing you can do in life is grab a BIBLE and a CHAIR.”

Psalm 119

¹ Joyful are people of integrity, who follow the instructions of the Lord. ² Joyful are those who obey his laws and search for him with all their hearts. ³ They do not compromise with evil, and they walk only in his paths. ⁴ You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully. ⁵ Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your decrees! ⁶ Then I will not be ashamed when I compare my life with your commands. ⁷ As I learn your righteous regulations, I will thank you by living as I should! ⁸ I will obey your decrees. Please don't give up on me!

⁹ How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word. ¹⁰ (I seek you with all my heart) I have tried hard to find you, don't let me wander from your commands. ¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. ¹² I praise you, O Lord . . . ¹⁸ Open my eyes to see the wonderful truths in your instructions.

“A hunger for the WORD of God is a hunger for GOD himself.”

The Word of God Is:

- The actual VOICE of God.
- The Son of God - JESUS.
- The WRITTEN Scripture.

The Benefits of Meeting God in His Word.

1. We meet God who wants to **BLESS** us.

Psalm 119:2

How blessed are those who observe His testimonies,
who seek Him with all their heart.

2. We meet God who **SHOWS** us the best way to Live.

Psalm 119:4

You have ordained your precepts,
that we should keep them diligently.

3. We meet God who **HELPS** us resist temptation.

Psalm 119:9-11

How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it
according to Your word. With all my heart I have sought You;
do not let me wander from Your commandments. Your word
I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You.

4. We meet God who promises to **GUIDE** us.

Psalm 119:24, 59, 105

²⁴ Your statutes are my delight. They are my counselors. ⁵⁹ I
pondered the direction of my life, and I turned to follow your
laws. ¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

5. We meet God who **COMFORTS** us.

Psalm 119:28, 50

²⁸ My soul weeps because of grief, strengthen me according
to Your word. ⁵⁰ Your promise revives me; it comfort me
in all my troubles.

6. We meet God who wants us to **KNOW** him.

Psalm 119:55, 151

⁵⁵ O Lord, I remember your name in the night.
(*and when I do*) ¹⁵¹ You are near.

***“Devotion isn’t about DOING something
it’s about BEING with someone.”***

How to Meet God in His Word.

1. PREPARE to meet God.

Isaiah 28:23

Give ear and hear my voice, listen and hear my words.

Psalms 32:8

I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go;
I will counsel you with My eye upon you.

2. RESPECT it.

Hebrews 4:12

The word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

3. READ it.

Donald Whitney asks . . .

“How often do you face problems, face temptation, face pressure? Every day? Then read the Bible every day. How often do you need encouragement and guidance? Every day? Then read the Bible every day. How often do you want to hear God’s voice, experience God’s presence and God’s power? Every day? Then read the Bible every day.”
(Spiritual Disciples for the Christian Life)

4. MEDITATE on it.

Psalms 119:15, 97

¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.

⁹⁷ Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.

5. APPLY it.

James 1:22-25

Don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. Do what it says.

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“I look upon” it	“I shall run” to it
“I give thanks” for it	“I shall lift up my hands” to receive it
“I learn” it	“I will hurry, without delay, to obey” it
“I shall keep” it	“I wait for Your word”
“I shall observe” it	“I put my hope in your word”
“Your word I have treasured in my heart”	“I will never forget” it
“I rejoice” in it	“Oh how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.”
“I delight” in it	“I open my mouth and pant, because I long” for it
“I will meditate” on it	“I rise before dawn and cry for help; I wait for Your words”
“I shall delight in” it	“My heart stands in awe of Your words”
“My soul is consumed with longing” for it	“My heart trembles at your word”
“I will cling to” it	

Q: What is the Bible to you?

Q: Describe your journey with reading the Bible?