

What The Bible Means To Reno Wilson

There are some people today that would say they know everything about the Bible, and many out there who are possibly close to knowing all the words of God as it has been written, and as it stands today. Inspired, translated, interpreted, and complete.

I believe that applying the word of God to one's life is most important and to have the correct interpretation living inside you means everything. Although, simply memorizing Gods word from front to back and actually knowing exactly what the meaning of scripture truly tells us can be difficult for some. I've heard of believers who have read the word their entire life and are still learn new things about what God is telling us today. That speaks to me quite heavily.

I have often heard of people who have memorized scripture because they weren't allowed bibles where they live and because having one could mean death for them and their family. Recently I became curious if anyone has actually memorized the entire word of God. I thought to myself that if that is so, then for one, it's possible, but it also means that we as believers have been given this wonderful gift of truth to know and to follow, and He as equipped us to have it imbedded, and brought to recollection by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Dr. William Evans memorized the entire King James Version of the Bible plus the New Testament of the American Standard Version. He also wrote a book called How to memorize the Bible back in 1919. In 2007, 59-year-old Charles Matlock, known as the "The Walking Bible of West Tennessee" was reported by Church and Ministry to have memorized most of the Word, beginning around age 12, and uses his gift to preach as a traveling evangelist. Jack Van Impe is regarded as the most famous for his extraordinary memory in regards to Bible verses. He stated that he memorized 14,000 verses, which took about 35,000 hours to do so. That's almost half!

Although claims for memorizing The Word of God from front to back have never been proven, it still amazes me, and only knowing with a full, correct, and

true understanding of the entire Bible can one really know what it means to them. Amir Tsarfati puts it like this, while addressing current prophecy fulfillment; “God has sent us an email already, declaring what is happening, and what is to come, and how we can be ready for the day”.

Then of course there is obeying Gods word as He reveals scripture to us in ones studies. As James tells us, “to be ye doers of the word not just hearers, lest we deceive ourselves”. I would however say, without knowing the entire Word so far, that the Bible to me means that God is my creator and Father, and that we are all sinners from birth, since the fall of mankind and Jesus Christ is the only way anyone can be saved from Hell and God’s wrath to come. That Christ died for our sins on the cross and God raised Him from the dead, defeating death. By doing so God made a way for us as sinners to be righteous by the blood of Jesus. Therefore we are to repent and trust in Jesus and what He has done for us, and are to please Him by faith daily as we live for God. We as believers should also be partaking in fellowship, communion, and spreading the Gospel by means of the great commission, till He comes.

God’s word is also a book of biblical prophecy. A book of History and Poetry, of correction, reproof, and instructions for Godly living. The Bible also outlines that God has preordained believers and circumstance for His Glory and timing. This is what the Bible means to me.