

THINK LIKE JESUS

What Do I Believe and Why Does It Matter?

LESSON 4 – HOW DOES THE BIBLE GUIDE MY LIFE?

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

As we look at the wonders of nature and the world around us, we can conclude there is a God. But how do we learn about this God? How do we come into a full relationship with him? What are his plans and purposes for us? What are the principles he wants us to live by? The answers to all these questions are found in God's revelation to us: **THE BIBLE**.

1. Key Question: How do you know God and his **WILL** for your life?

As believers in Christ, it is critical for us to know with confidence that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and contains God's truth and will for our lives.

2. The Bible is the **WORD OF GOD** and has the right to command our belief and action.

Three main concepts:

- 1) The Bible is inspired or **BREATHED** - The Greek word: “*Theopneustos*” - (by God himself).
- 2) God **REVEALED**, or breathed his message into chosen people to be written down.
- 3) The Bible is **INFALLIBLE**, or unfailing, in accomplishing its purposes.

3. The Bible is the **LENS** from which we view the world.

Giving the Bible its rightful place in our lives and submitting to its authority opens our eyes to see the intervention of God in history, in our present lives and on into the future as he continues to write his grand story. “*Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.*” **Psalm 119:105 (NIV)**

4. Are you motivated to study the Bible to **UNDERSTAND** God's will for your life?

The Bible forms the content of truth in which we seek to marinate our minds. As our minds are transformed, so are our lives as we trust the Lord to know what is best for us and to guide us.

*“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” **Romans 12:2 (NIV)***

5. The principles in the Bible must **GOVERN** our life even when we do not fully understand or like what it teaches.

*“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” **Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)***