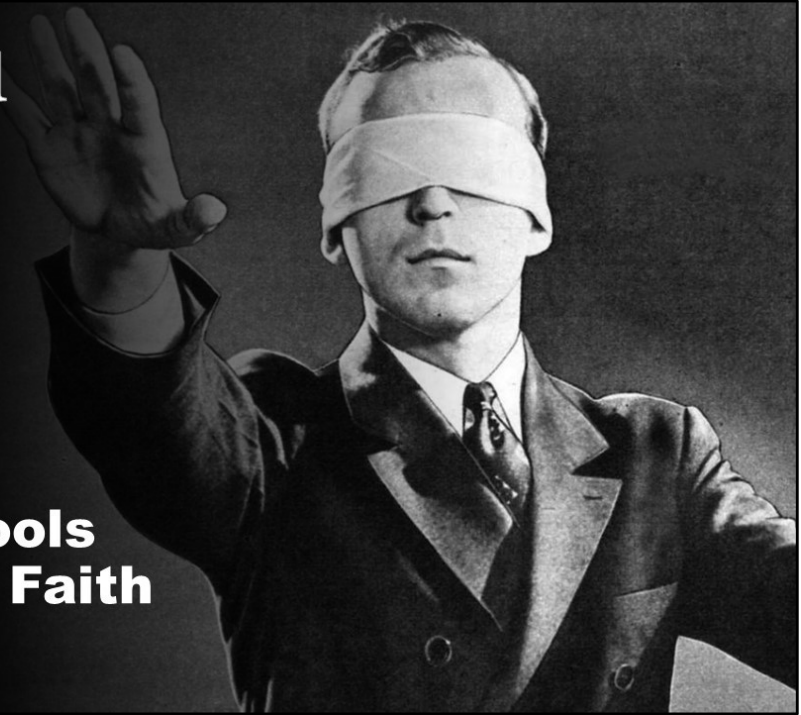


**I was Blind
but Now I
see:
Reasons
to Believe**

**Answering fools
with facts and Faith**



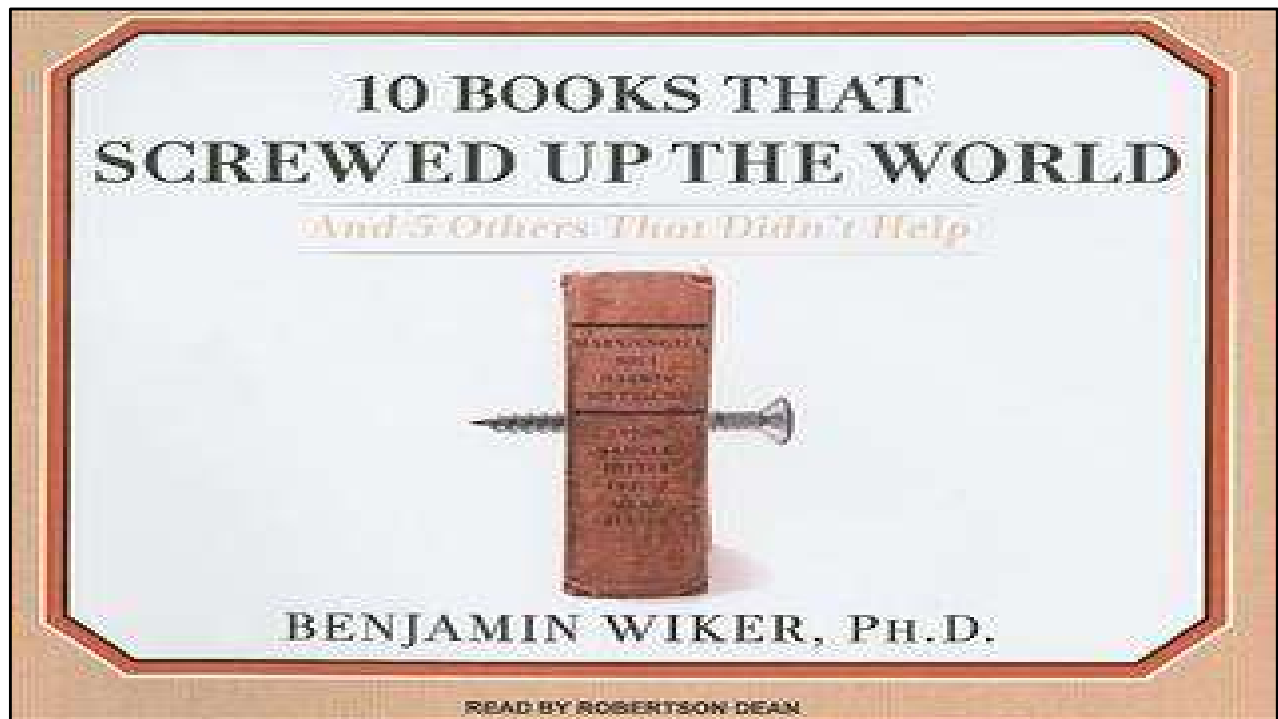
Reasons to believe in the Bible

**When people do
not accept divine
guidance, they run
wild. Pr.29:18**



Amo 8:11 NLT - "The time is surely coming," says the Sovereign LORD, "when I will send a famine on the land--not a famine of bread or water but of hearing the words of the LORD.

Pro 29:18 Where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy *is* he.



Influential books in History?

The Bible

Koran

Niccolò Machiavelli, **The Prince**

Rene Descartes, **Discourse on Method**

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Friedrich Nietzsche, **Beyond Good and Evil**

Charles Darwin, **The Descent of Man**

Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, **The Communist Manifesto**

Adolph Hitler, **Mein Kampf**

Sigmund Freud, **The Future of an Illusion**

Alfred Kinsey, **Sexual Behavior in the Human Male**

Al Gore **inconvenient truth**

"Some of the models suggest to Dr. (Wieslav) Maslowski that there is a 75% chance that the entire north polar ice cap, during some of the summer months, could be completely ice-free within the next five to seven years." 2007

in 2008, a video of the opening of a German museum captured Gore saying that "the entire North polar ice cap may well be completely gone in five years."

<https://www.politifact.com/factchecks/2021/mar/02/facebook-posts/fact-checking-claims->

al-gore-said-all-arctic-ice-w/



Marx, 1818-1883, **The Communist Manifesto** 1848. Marx was a German, ethnically but not religiously Jewish. killing more than a hundred million people in the last century. China, Russia, Cuba

Nietzsche 1844-1900, German. **Beyond Good and Evil**. That which does not kill us makes us stronger. "God is dead,". The death of God may lead beyond bare perspectivism to outright nihilism. "I praise, I do not reproach, [nihilism's] arrival. I believe it is one of the greatest crises, a moment of the deepest self-reflection of humanity. Whether man recovers from it, whether he becomes a master of this crisis, is a question of his strength!" Influenced: Sigmund Freud. Nietzsche's growing prominence suffered a severe setback when his works became closely associated with Adolf Hitler and Nazi Germany. At 44 he had a mental breakdown ending in a dementia with total physical dependence due to stroke. From the very beginning, Nietzsche's dementia was attributed to a neurosyphilitic infection led to his death.

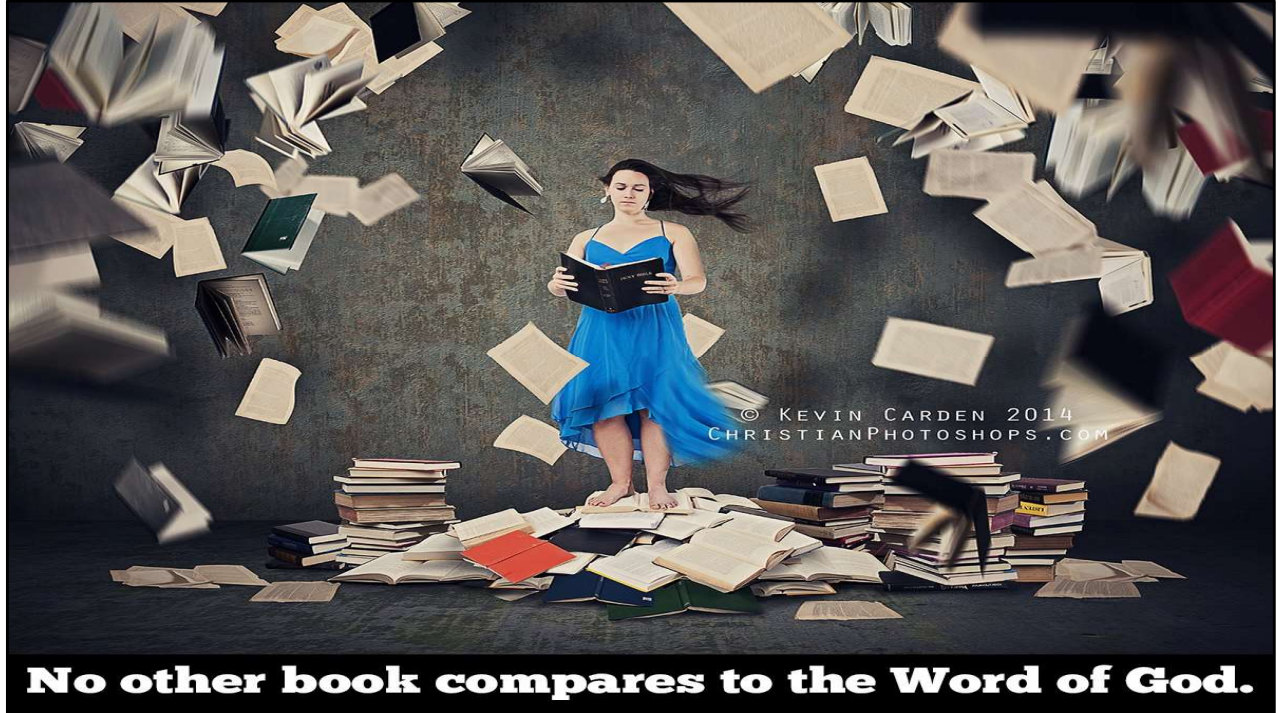
Darwin, English. 1871 **The Descent of Man**, #1 most influential book. How it changed the world: The book had a direct impact on religious beliefs. Many people started to question the seven days of creation, and the existence of God. Thus the power of the church and the faith of the people weakened.

Freud, Austrian Jew. 1856-1939, 34' Fuhrer. **The Future of an Illusion**

China 1.4 Billion, people 3 or 4th largest land area

1917 Russia largest country in world. 1/8 of Earth's land area, 146 million people
Nearly half the world ruled by Socialism/Communism

Politically, Philosophically, Scientifically, Psychologically
The other half of the World is dominated by Muslim tyrants, Religiously



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Integrity/Preservation

- **Meticulous scribes reverence**
 - **Must speak words aloud as written**
 - **Counted the words and letters**
 - **Bathed again for God's name**

The Jewish scribes used the following rules and procedures while creating copies of the Torah and eventually other books in the [Hebrew Bible](#).^[14]

They could only use clean animal skins, both to write on, and even to bind manuscripts.

Each column of writing could have no less than 48, and no more than 60, lines.

The ink must be black, and of a special recipe.

They must say each word aloud while they were writing.

They must wipe the pen and wash their entire bodies before writing the most Holy Name of

God, [YHVH](#), every time they wrote it.

There must be a review within thirty days, **and if as many as three pages required corrections, the entire manuscript had to be redone.**

The letters, words, and paragraphs had to be counted, and the document became **invalid if two letters touched each other.** The middle paragraph, word and letter must correspond to those of the original document.

The documents could be stored only in sacred places (synagogues, etc.).

As no document containing God's Word could be destroyed, they were stored, or buried, in a [genizah](#) (Hebrew: "storage").

The Sefer Torah contains 304,805 Hebrew letters

A kosher Torah scroll will cost between \$30,000 and \$50,000 each.

“The Jewish scribes of the early Christian centuries copied and recopied the text of the Hebrew Bible with the utmost fidelity” (*Second Thoughts on the Dead Sea Scrolls*, 1956, p. 62). F. F. Bruce

To be certified as a scribe, this professional scribe had to memorize 4,000 different laws and principles dictating how to copy Scripture. Wow!

Ezra! Was a scribe!

Rev 22:18 NASB20 - I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;

Rev 1:3 NASB20 - Blessed is the one who reads, and those who hear the words of the prophecy and keep the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Deu 4:2 NASB20 - "You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, so that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I am commanding you.

Deu 12:32 NASB20 - "Whatever I command you, you shall be careful to do; you shall not add to nor take anything away from it.

Pro 30:6 NASB20 - Do not add to His words Or He will rebuke you, and you will be proved a liar.

Integrity/Preservation

- Mountainous Manuscript copies!
- Dead sea scrolls, 99.5% accurate
- The warnings of God!

Lord Hubris' Ancient Manuscript Comparison (NT)

Author	Date Written	Earliest Copy	Approximate Time Span between original & copy	Number of Copies	Accuracy of Copies
Pliny	61-113 A.D.	850 A.D.	750 yrs	7	----
Plato	427-347 B.C.	900 A.D.	1200 yrs	7	----
Herodotus	480-425 B.C.	900 A.D.	1300 yrs	8	----
Suetonius	75-160 A.D.	950 A.D.	800 yrs	8	----
Thucydides	460-400 B.C.	900 A.D.	1300 yrs	8	----
Euripides	480-406 B.C.	1100 A.D.	1300 yrs	9	----
Aristophanes	450-385 B.C.	900 A.D.	1200 yrs	10	----
Caesar	100-44 B.C.	900 A.D.	1000 yrs	10	----
Tacitus	circa 100 A.D.	1100 A.D.	1000 yrs	20	----
Aristotle	384-322 B.C.	1100 A.D.	1400 yrs	49	----
Sophocles	496-406 B.C.	1000 A.D.	1400 yrs	193	----
Homer (Iliad)	900 B.C.	400 B.C.	500 yrs	643	95%
New Testament	1st Cent. A.D. (50-100 A.D.)	2nd Cent. A.D. (130 A.D.)	less than 100 years	5600	99.5%

<http://www.carm.org/evidence/textualevidence.htm>

Copies of the Declaration?

- Printer Dunlap Broadside made 200 copies of the Declaration but only 26 survived.
- In 1991, one of 24 known copies at the time of the Declaration and one of only three known to be privately owned, was auctioned for \$2.4 million. What's even more staggering is where it was originally found.
- According to the New York Times, "The previous owner stated that he bought a torn painting for \$4 in a flea market in Adamstown, Pa., because he was interested in its frame. When he got home, he said, he removed the painting – a dismal country scene – and concluded the frame could not be salvaged, but found the Declaration, folded and hidden in the backing."
- The 25th and 26th copies later surfaced – one was sold in excellent condition in 2000 for \$8.1 million. A 26th copy emerged at the British National Archives in 2009, which was hidden for over 200 years in a box of papers seized during the Revolutionary War from American colonists.



Only 20 of over 200 Original copies of the declaration of Independence still exist after , 240 years.

Yet Scripture has over 5900! From 2000 yrs ago or more

The Bible is the most scrutinized, authenticated, scientifically and academically studied, carefully documented and transmitted piece of literature in history by an exponential factor—and it happens to make the internal claim to be the written word of God.

And how about the irrational Hatred and abolition of it by wicked men?

Authenticity/honesty

- **Mankind are born sinners!**
- **We are driven by fears and lusts**
- **Gods' sheep keep wandering**

From Adam to Noah, 1700 years 2 believers to 8
After Babel, no believers, God picked Abraham
Moses led Israel's birth to the land, but next generation after Joshua didn't now the Lord.
Book of Judges, only 5 Kings of 20+, Exiles x2...

Abraham, father of faith, gave away his wife 2x
Lot had to be drug away from Sodom, reverse incest!
Jacob lied, stole, ran...
Moses was almost killed by God for His disobedience and kept out of promised land
David, man after God's heart, murdered and adultery
David's son raped his sister!
Solomon, wisest man ever, violated so much scripture and worshipped idols
Samson couldn't keep his pants on
Peter denied the Lord 3x
Paul rebuked Peter!

1Sa 15:11 NASB20 - "I regret that I have made Saul king, because he has turned back from following Me and has not carried out My commands." And Samuel was furious and cried out to the LORD all night.

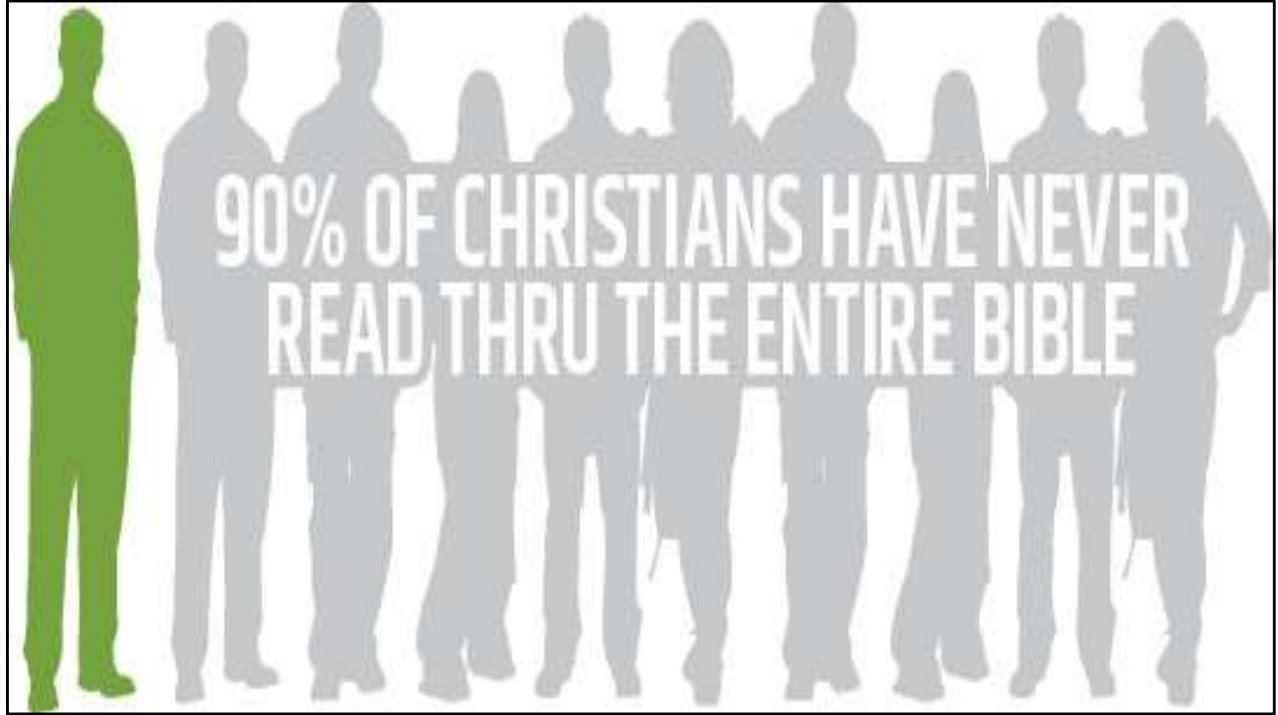
1Sa 15:35 NASB20 - And Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, though Samuel mourned for Saul. And the LORD regretted that He had made Saul king over Israel.

Gen 6:6 NASB20 - **So the LORD was sorry that He had made mankind on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.**

Psa 78:41 NASB20 - Again and again they tempted God, And pained the Holy One of Israel.

Authenticity/honesty

- **Heroes have faults!**
- **Song of Solomon and Prov.**
- **Even Gods complaints are heard!**



Have you???!!!

How can you honestly defend the Bible while simultaneously admit you haven't read it?

Our Opponents can fairly criticize us here!

Self proclaimed Authority!

- "I am the LORD your God...Ex.20
- "God said" 559x
- "Thus saith the Lord" KJV 400x

Only a few books make such audacious claims as to be from God or to be superior to all others!!

Extraordinary claims require extraordinary Proofs!

The Koran claims to be the word of Allah; the Book of Mormon claims to be the revelation of God. But at least we know that Christians do not believe something about the Bible which it does not claim for itself.

The Hindus believe the Bhagavad Vita is the source of eternal truth. Karl Marx, with an atheistic world view, claimed his writing, The Communist Manifesto, was the ultimate truth.

1 Thessalonians 2:13: And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:20-21)

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,

making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous (Psalm 19:7-9)

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. (Matthew 24:35 KJV)

But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (John 6:68 NKJV)

Thou shall not 225x in KJV
Word of God 47 exact phrases
the Lord said NASB 230x

Self proclaimed Authority!

- “Scriptures”, “it is written” 120x
- “God must prove to be true, though every person be found a liar” Rom.3



Gen 3:1 NASB20 - Now the serpent was more cunning than any animal of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "**Has God really said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?**"

Gen 3:2 NASB20 - The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;

Gen 3:3 NASB20 - but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'"

Gen 3:4 NASB20 - The serpent said to the woman, "**You certainly will not die!**

Gen 3:5 NASB20 - "For **God knows that on the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will become like God**, knowing good and evil."

Gen 3:6 NASB20 - When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband with her, and he ate.

Gen 3:7 NASB20 - Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves waist coverings.

Gen 3:8 NASB20 - Now they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

Miracles

- **200+ Miracles in the Bible**
- **10 Resurrections!**
- **Moses/Elijah rebuked other gods**

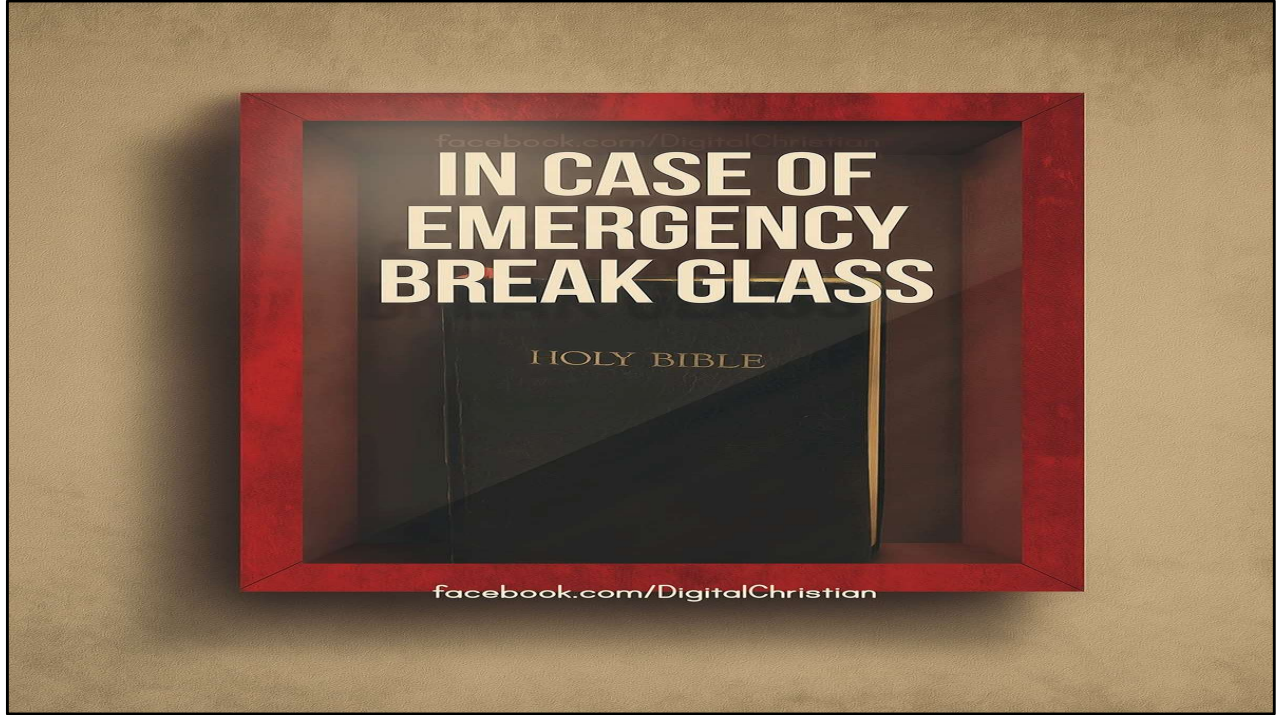
Herbert Lockyer counts over 200 (160) Miracles in bible

36 Miracles listed by Jesus

- The widow of Zarephath's son (2 Kings 4:18–37).
- The Shunammite woman's son (2 Kings 4:18–37).
- The man raised out of Elisha's grave (2 Kings 13:20–21).
- The widow of Nain's son (Luke 7:11–17).
- Jairus' daughter (Luke 8:40–56).
- Lazarus of Bethany (John 11).
- Various saints in Jerusalem (Matthew 27:50–53).
- Tabitha Greek name was Dorcas, (Acts 9:36–43).
- Eutychus (Acts 20:7–12)
- Jesus (Mark 16:1–8).

Miracles

- Jesus' 36 recorded miracles
- What about 1000's of unwritten, ongoing miracles daily?



True!
But hopefully you are reading it daily!!

Sadly this true quote expressing the concern
The Bible is the most owned, but least read book in history

Accuracy

- Archaeology!
- Pilate, King David, Uzziah...
- Science

And Morality!!!
Geography...


Accuracy

- Isa 40:22 It is He who sits above the circle of the earth,
- History
- Exodus from Egypt, Jericho...

OLD TESTAMENT

50 Proofs for the BIBLE

- ⇒ Archaeological finds that help confirm the Bible's accuracy
- ⇒ 50 finds that help us understand the Bible better
- ⇒ Finds that help explain Bible backgrounds and cultures



Unity

- **40 diverse human authors, 66 books**
- **1600+ years**
- **3 Continents and 3 languages and 13 different countries**

Hebrew slaves who could read and write and Greek that was the global language and expedited the church. Both languages died and revived for the church!
40 authors would be like a really bad whisper down the lane if NOT inspired!! **1 Author!**
3 continents; **Asia, Africa/Egypt, Europe/Italy**

Wisdom, Law, Prophecy, Minor prophets

Bridges 2 covenants and 2 religions; Judaism and Christianity

Unity

- Numerous genres; poetry, History...
- Scarlet thread of redemption
- Quotes, confirms, consistent...

Though a text may
have a multitude of
application, it has
only **one meaning.**

R.C. Sproul



ReformedSage.com

Over a period of 1,600 years,
40 different authors wrote the
66 books of the BIBLE.

There were 400 silent years between
the 39 books of the Old Testament
and the 27 of the New Testament.
Yet, Genesis to Revelation tell

ONE UNIFIED STORY

Prophecy Fulfillment

- Approx. 2500 Prophecies in Bible
- 2000 Already fulfilled, 1 in 102000
- 300 prophecies of Jesus, 100

Zec 14:12 NASB20 - Now this will be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the peoples who have gone to war against Jerusalem; their flesh will rot while they stand on their feet, and their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongue will rot in their mouth.

Rev 7:4 NLT - And I heard how many were marked with the seal of God--144,000 were sealed from all the tribes of Israel:

Rev 7:5 NLT - from Judah 12,000 from Reuben 12,000 from Gad 12,000

Ezekiel 37:15-23

The Reunification of Israel

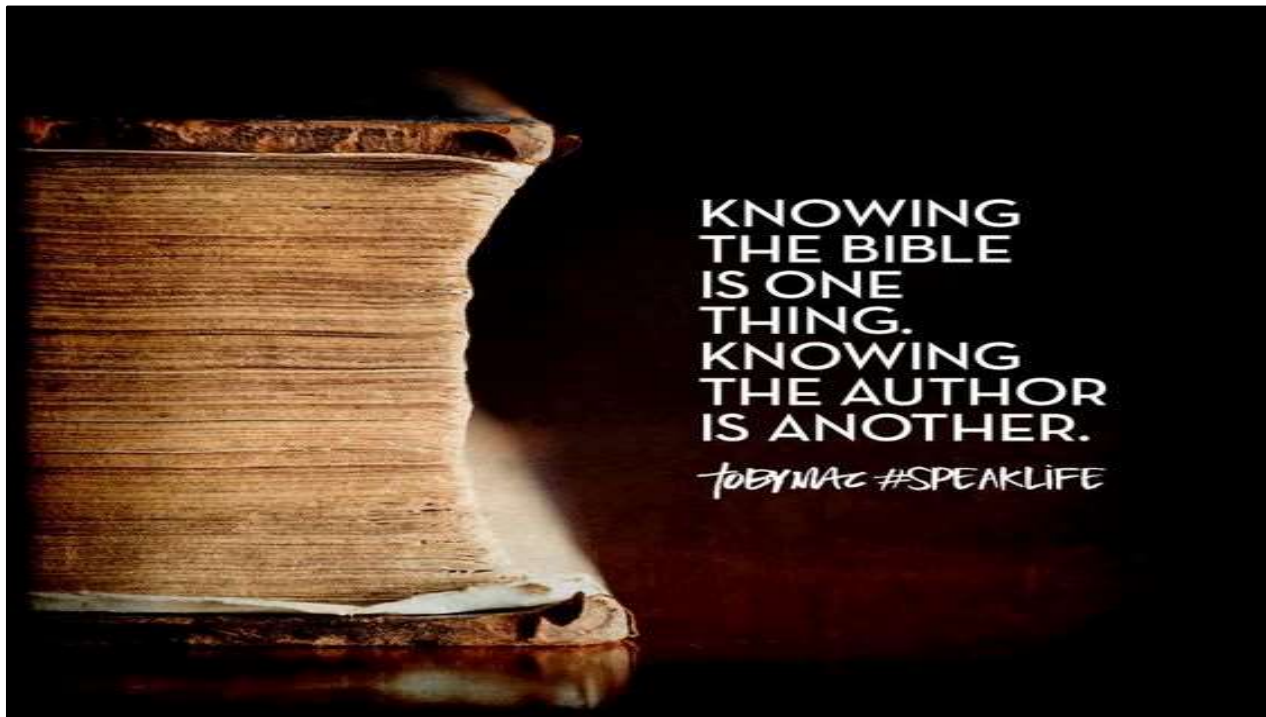
¹⁵ The word of the LORD came to me: ¹⁶ "Son of man, take a single stick and write on it: Belonging to Judah and the Israelites associated with him. Then take another stick and write on it: Belonging to Joseph—the stick of Ephraim—and all the house of Israel associated with him. ¹⁷ Then join them together into a single stick so that they become one in your hand. ¹⁸ When your people ask you, 'Won't you explain to us what you mean by these things?'— ¹⁹ tell them: This is what the Lord GOD says: I am going to take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel associated with him, and put them together with the stick of Judah. I will make them into a single stick so that they become one in My hand.

²⁰ "When the sticks you have written on are in your hand and in full view of the people, ²¹ tell them: This is what the Lord GOD says: I am going to take the Israelites out of

the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them into their own land. ²²I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel, and one king will rule over all of them. They will no longer be two nations and will no longer be divided into two kingdoms. ²³They will not defile themselves anymore with their idols, their detestable things, and all their transgressions. I will save them from all their apostasies by which^[a] they sinned, and I will cleanse them. Then they will be My people, and I will be their God.

Prophecy Fulfillment

- 27 about Messiah in 1 day!
- Jesus predicted his own death and resurrection at least 3x
- More coming true every day



KNOWING
THE BIBLE
IS ONE
THING.
KNOWING
THE AUTHOR
IS ANOTHER.

TOBYMAC #SPEAKLIFE

Better our lives

- **A persecutor became an apostle**
- **Its changed whole countries**
- **A Catholic led a Protest!**

The changed lives of people like the apostle Paul, Augustine, Martin Luther, John Newton, Leo Tolstoy, and CS Lewis illustrate the difference the Bible can make.

Even entire nations or tribes, like the Celts of Ireland, the wild Vikings of Norway, and the Auca Indians of Ecuador, have been transformed by the Word of God and the unprecedented life and significance of Jesus Christ.

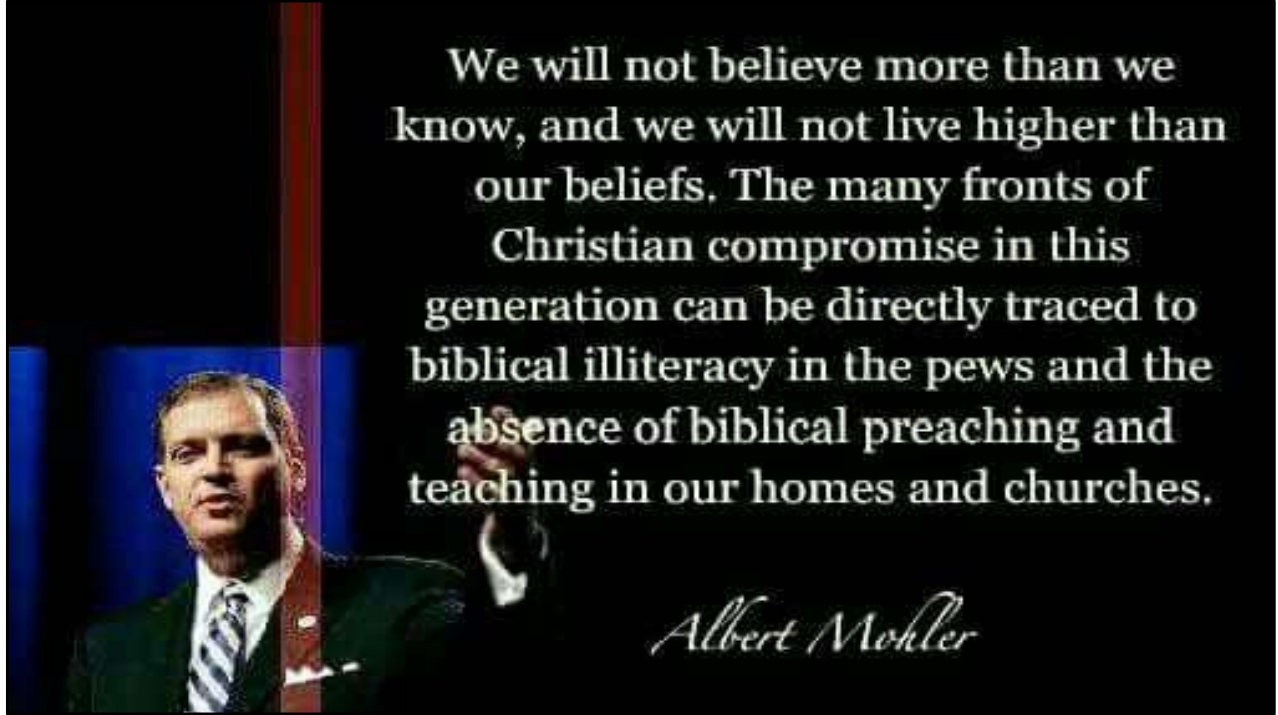
Paul's description of love in 1 Corinthians 13

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount

Ten Commandments

Better our lives

- Slavers became preachers
- AAA and 12 step program
- Its message of Grace/forgiveness!



**We Will NOT believe more than we know!
And we will NOT live higher than our beliefs!**

Rom 10:17 NASB20 - So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

Survival/Endurance

- **Diocletian outlawed/burned bibles**
- **Torah was written 500 years before the earliest Hindu Scriptures.**
- **52+ Countries outlaw it!**

The books of Moses were written 500 years before the earliest Hindu Scriptures. **Moses wrote Genesis 2,000 years before Muhammad penned the Koran.**

NT was 500 years b4 Koran

Survival/Endurance

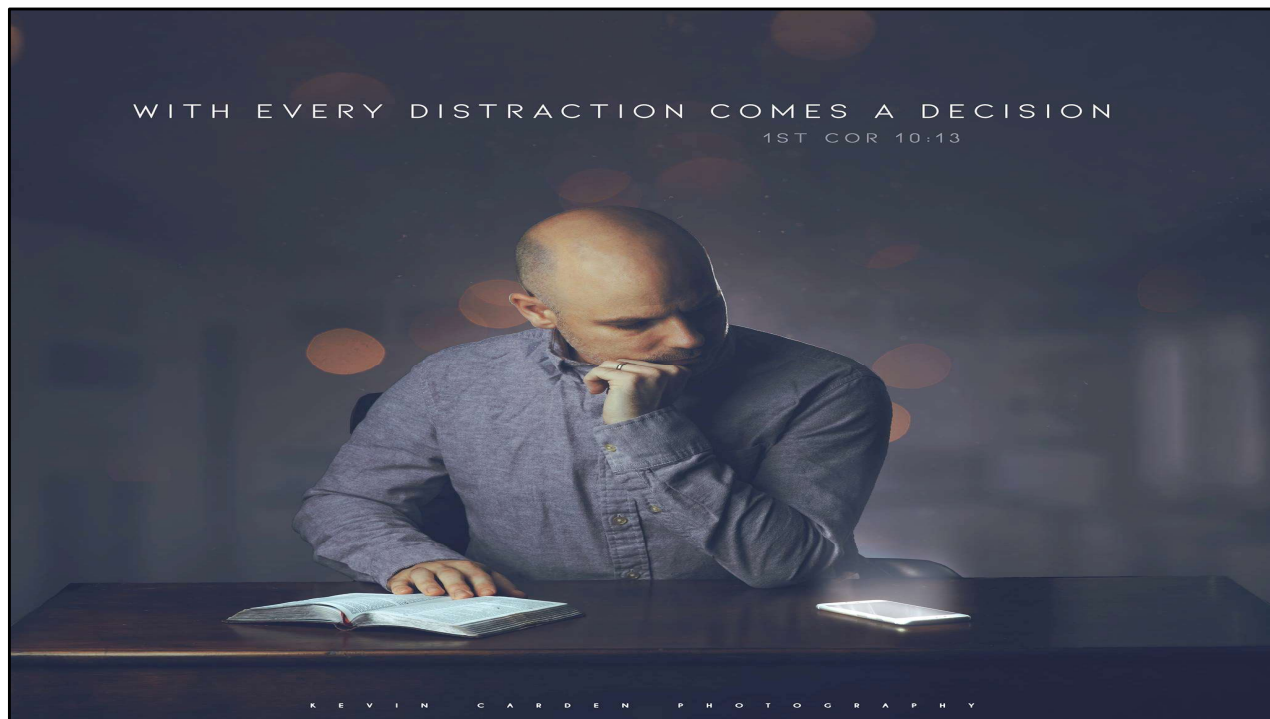
- Liberal assaults on its Inspiration
- Progressive assault on its truth



Diocletian (245-311 AD)

Commanded all copies of scriptures were to be burned and those found with copies were to be put to death; He erected a monument inscribed with the words, "The name of 'Christian' is extinguished."

Yet Rome and its empire are long gone, Christianity still prevails



With every distraction comes a decision!

What's the difference between a Socialist or Militant Islamic society outlawing the Bible and you're unable to acquire one and having a dozen of them in your house that are rarely IF ever opened but you are too distracted by Lesser distractions? Same result!!!



WHEN THERE'S
SOMETHING IN
THE WORD *of* GOD
THAT I DON'T LIKE,
THE PROBLEM
IS NOT WITH
THE WORD *of* GOD,
IT'S WITH ME.

-R.C. Sproul

at work in you

- **1Th 2:13 For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of mere men, but as what it really is, the word of God, which also is at work in you who believe.**

His Spirit bears witness with our spirit!

Gods word is powerful and either convicts/converts or condemns!

Jer 23:28 NLT - "Let these false prophets tell their dreams, **but let my true messengers faithfully proclaim my every word.** There is **a difference between straw and grain!**

Jer 23:29 NLT - **Does not my word burn like fire?" says the LORD. "Is it not like a mighty hammer that smashes a rock to pieces?**

Jer 23:30 NLT - "Therefore," says the LORD, "I am against these prophets who steal messages from each other and claim they are from me.

Jer 23:31 NLT - I am against these smooth-tongued prophets who say, 'This prophecy is from the LORD!'

Luk 24:32 NLT - They said to each other, "**Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?"**

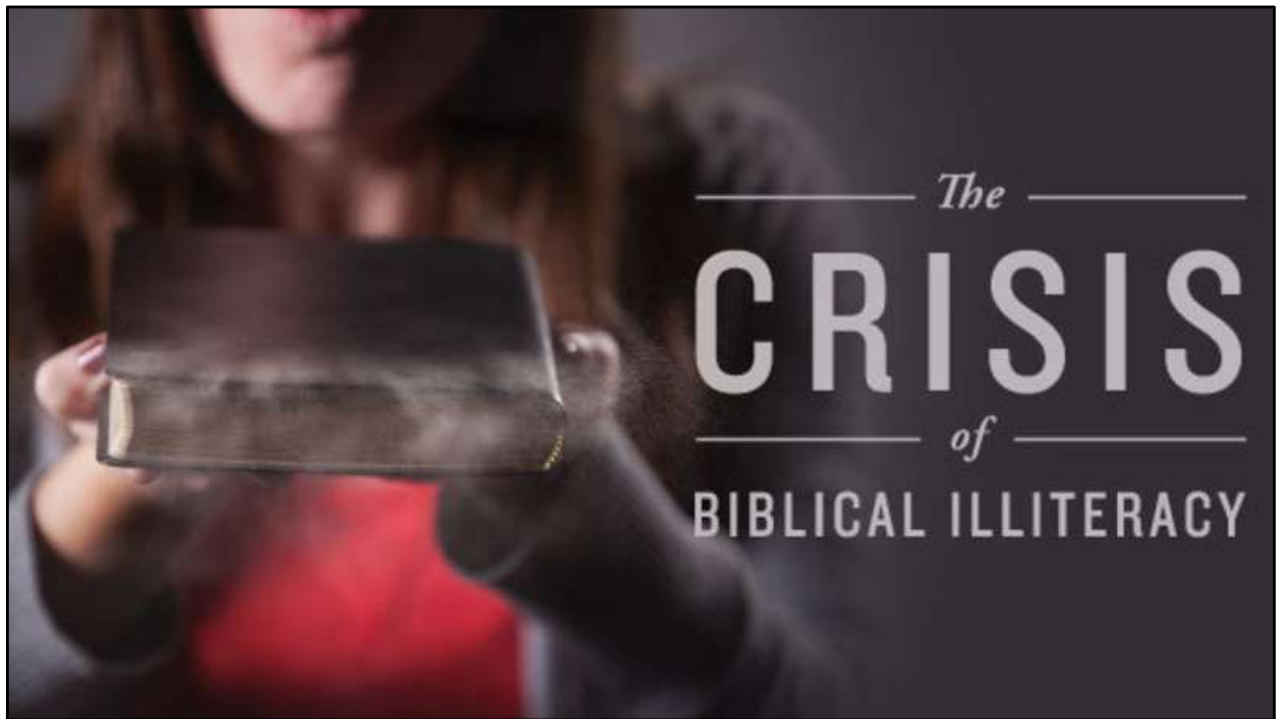
Isa 55:11 NASB20 - **So will My word be which goes out of My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the purpose for which I sent it.**

Rom 8:16 ESV - The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Rom 9:1 ESV - I am speaking the truth in Christ--I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit--

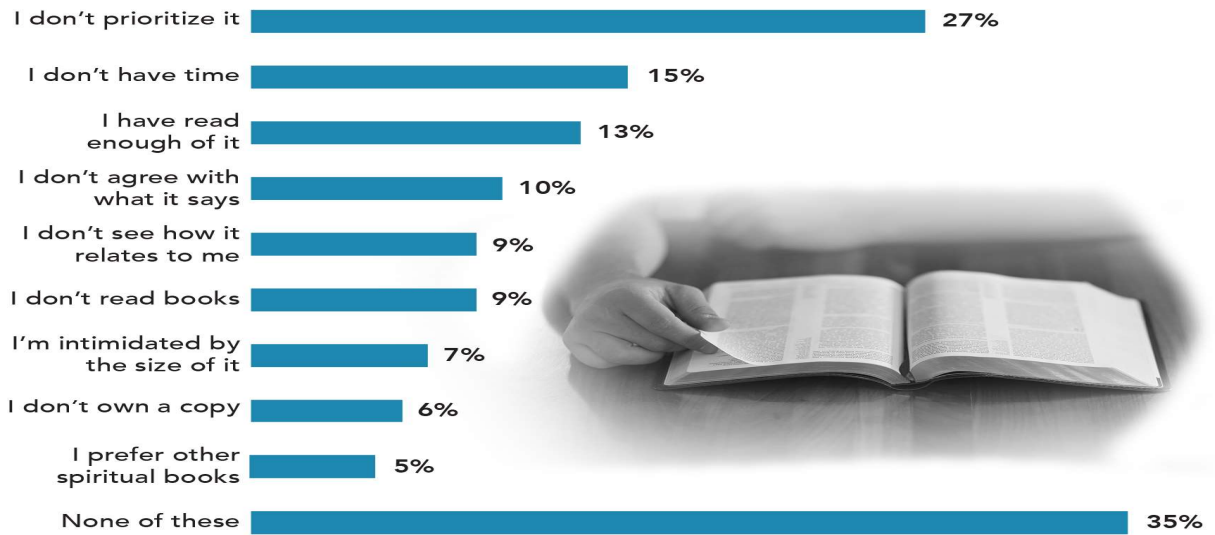
Heb 10:15 ESV - And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

Jer 20:9 NLT - But if I say I'll never mention the LORD or speak in his name, his word burns in my heart like a fire. It's like a fire in my bones! I am worn out trying to hold it in! I can't do it!



Among Americans:

Why have you not read the Bible more?

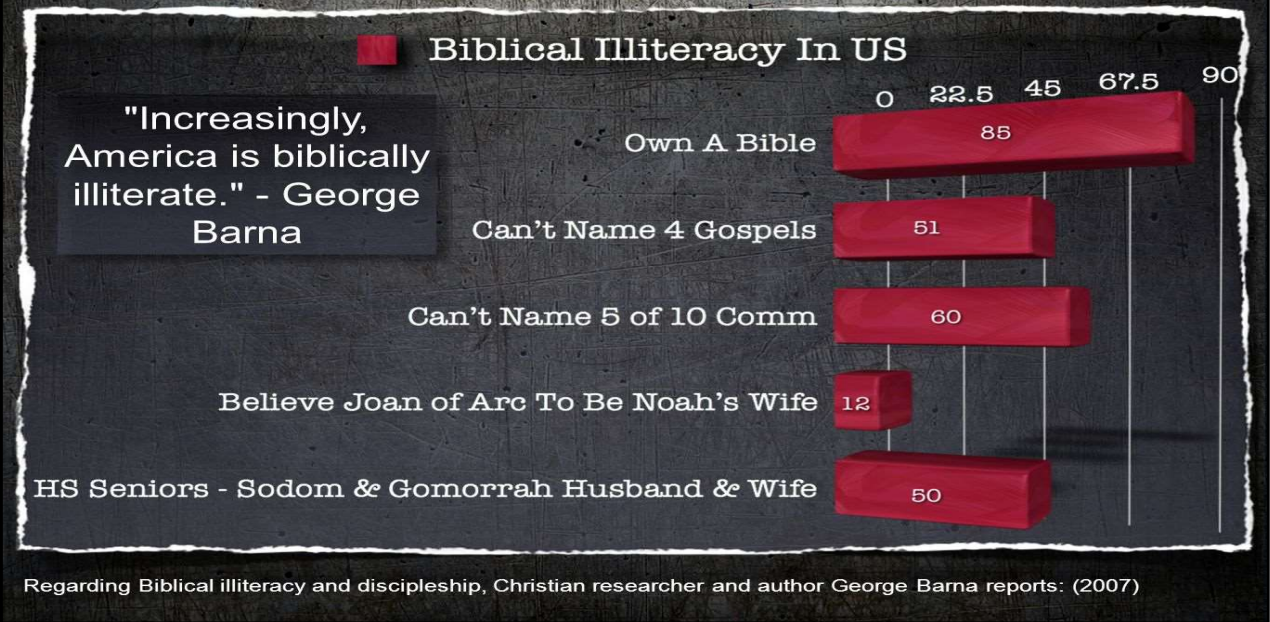


Note: Respondents could select all that apply.



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The Lost Bible



AMERICA'S MOST BIBLE-MINDED CITIES 2017



RANKING	MARKET	POP%
1	Chattanooga, TN	50%
2	Birmingham / Anniston / Tuscaloosa, AL	49%
3	Roanoke / Lynchburg, VA	48%
4	Tri-Cities, TN	48%
5	Shreveport, LA	37%
6	Chattanooga, TN	45%
7	Springfield, MO	46%
8	Lubbock / Amarillo / Dalhart, AR	44%
9	Knoxville, TN	44%
10	Greenville / Spartanburg / Anderson, SC	44%
11	Lexington, KY	43%
12	Jackson, MS	43%
13	Huntsville-Decatur-Florence, AL	41%
14	Spokane, WA	40%
15	Oaklahoma City, OK	40%
16	Nashville, TN	40%
17	Baton Rouge, LA	40%
18	Wichita / Hutchinson, KS	39%
19	Greensboro / High Point / Winston-Salem, NC	39%
20	Louisville, KY	38%
21	Rochester, NY / Cape Girardeau, MO	38%
22	Columbia, SC	37%
23	Grand Rapids / Kalamazoo / Battle Creek, MI	37%
24	Memphis, TN	37%
25	Dallas / Fort Worth, TX	37%
26	Charleston / Huntington, WV	36%
27	Raleigh / Durham / Fayetteville, NC	36%
28	Mobile, AL / Pensacola / Fort Walton, FL	36%
29	Jacksonville, FL	35%
30	Greenville / New Bern / Washington, NC	34%
31	Indianapolis, IN	34%
32	Fort Smith, AR / Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR-MO	34%
33	Atlanta, GA	33%
34	Richmond / Petersburg, VA	33%
35	New Orleans, LA	33%
36	Tulsa, OK	32%
37	Dayton, OH	32%
38	Hartigan / Westaco / McAllen / Brownsville, TX	32%
39	San Antonio, TX	32%
40	Waco / Temple / Bryan, TX	31%
41	Kansas City, MO-MO	31%
42	North / Portsmouth / Newport News, VA	31%
43	South Bend / Elkhart, IN	31%
44	Davenport / Rock Island / Moline, IL	31%
45	Cincinnati, OH	30%
46	St. Louis, MO	30%
47	Austin, TX	30%
48	Albany / Fort Lauderdale, FL	29%
49	Albuquerque / Santa Fe, NM	29%
50	El Paso, TX / Las Cruces, NM	29%
51	Spokane, WA	28%
52	Columbus, OH	28%
53	Davenport / Rock Island / Moline, IL	28%
54	Portland, OR	28%
55	Champaign / Springfield / Decatur, IL	28%
56	Houston, TX	28%
57	Cookeville / Painesville, TN	28%
58	Harrisburg / Lancaster / Lebanon / York, PA	28%
59	Green Bay / Appleton, WI	28%
60	West Palm Beach / Fort Pierce, FL	28%
61	Tampa, FL	28%
62	Detroit, MI	28%
63	Tampa / St. Petersburg / Sarasota, FL	28%
64	Minneapolis, MN	28%
65	One / Albany / Amos, IA	28%
66	Baltimore, MD	28%
67	San Diego, CA	28%
68	Yuba City, TX	28%
69	Philadelphia, PA	28%
70	Frank / Miami, CA	28%
71	Pittsburgh, PA	28%
72	Minneapolis / St. Paul, MN	28%
73	Cincinnati / Dayton / Cincinnati / Melbourne, FL	28%
74	Omaha, NE	28%
75	Fort / Spokane / Bay City, MI	28%
76	Seattle / Tacoma, WA	28%
77	Fort / Myers / Naples, FL	28%
78	Cleveland / Akron / Canton, OH	28%
79	Sacramento / Stockton / Modesto, CA	28%
80	Tucson / Sierra Vista, AZ	28%
81	Denver, CO	28%
82	Madison, WI	28%
83	Chicago, IL	28%
84	Chicago, IL	28%
85	Vallejo / Suisun / Searsville, PA	28%
86	Los Angeles, CA	28%
87	Portland / Auburn, ME	28%
88	Washington, DC / Hagerstown, MD	28%
89	Burlington, VT / Philadelphia, PA	28%
90	Phoenix / Prescott, AZ	28%
91	New York, NY	28%
92	Salt Lake City, UT	28%
93	Hartford / New Haven, CT	28%
94	San Francisco / Oakland / San Jose, CA	28%
95	Las Vegas, NV	28%
96	Buffalo, NY	28%
97	Cedar Rapids / Waterloo, IA	28%
98	Providence, RI / New Bedford, MA	28%
99	Boston, MA / Manchester, NH	28%
100	Albany / Schenectady / Troy, NY	28%

The data reported in this table are based upon telephone and on-line interviews with nationwide random samples of 76,000 adults, conducted over the year period ending in April 2016. The maximum margin of sampling error associated with the aggregate sample is ±1.6 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. Respondents who reported reading the Bible within the past seven days and who agreed strongly to the accuracy of the Bible were classified as "Bible-minded." BibleMindedCities.com



POST-CHRISTIAN RANKINGS BY CITY



RANK	MARKET	%	RANK	MARKET	%
1	Springfield-Holyoke, MA	66%	52	Green Bay-Appleton, WI	43%
2	Portland-Auburn, ME	60%	53	Johnstown-Altoona-St. College, PA	43%
3	Providence, RI-New Bedford, MA	59%	54	Portland, OR	42%
4	Rochester, NY	55%	55	Albuquerque-Santa Fe, NM	42%
5	Boston, MA-Manchester, NH	57%	56	West Palm Beach-Ft. Pierce, FL	42%
6	Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY	56%	57	Wausau-Rhineland, WI	42%
7	Hartford-New Haven, CT	56%	58	Milwaukee, WI	42%
8	Rochester, NY	55%	59	Columbus, OH	42%
9	Santa Barbara-Santa Maria-San Luis Obispo, CA	54%	60	Yakima-Pasco-Richland-Kennewick, WA	41%
10	Seattle-Tacoma, WA	54%	61	Lincoln-Hastings-Kearney, NE	41%
11	Madison, WI	54%	62	Tampa-St. Petersburg-Sarasota, FL	41%
12	Wilkes Barre-Scranton-Hazleton, PA	54%	63	Youngstown-Warren, OH	41%
13	Buffalo, NY	53%	64	Eugene, OR	40%
14	Ft. Myers-Naples, FL	52%	65	St. Louis, MO	40%
15	Davenport-Rock Island-Moline, IL	52%	66	El Paso, TX	39%
16	Tucson-Sierra Vista, AZ	51%	67	Cleveland-Akron-Canton, OH	39%
17	San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	50%	68	Houston, TX	38%
18	Reno, NV	50%	69	Champaign-Springfield-Decatur, IL	38%
19	Chico-Redding, GA	50%	70	Dayton, OH	38%
20	New York, NY	50%	71	Cincinnati, OH	38%
21	Monterey-Salinas, CA	49%	72	Atlanta, GA	38%
22	Philadelphia, PA	49%	73	Norfolk-Portsmouth-Newport News, VA	38%
23	Sacramento-Stockton-Modesto, CA	48%	74	Raleigh-Durham-Fayetteville, NC	38%
24	Boise, ID	48%	75	Colorado Springs-Pueblo, CO	37%
25	Austin, TX	48%	76	Ft. Wayne, IN	37%
26	Des Moines-Ames, IA	48%	77	San Antonio, TX	36%
27	Chicago, IL	48%	78	Ft. Smith-Fayetteville-Springdale-Rogers, AR	36%
28	Detroit, MI	48%	79	Traverse City-Cadillac, MI	36%
29	Washington, DC-Hagerstown, MD	48%	80	Paducah, KY-Cape Girardeau, MO-Harrisburg-Mt. Vernon, IL	36%
30	Los Angeles, CA	47%	81	South Bend-Elkhart, IN	36%
31	Fresno-Visalia, CA	47%	82	Oklahoma City, OK	35%
32	Denver, CO	47%	83	Grand Rapids-Kalamazoo-Battle Creek, MI	35%
33	Sioux Falls-Mitchell, SD	47%	84	Savannah, GA	35%
34	Omaha, NE	47%	85	Jacksonville, FL	34%
35	Toledo, OH	47%	86	Lansing, MI	34%
36	Pittsburgh, PA	47%	87	Indianapolis, IN	34%
37	Wilmington, NC	47%	88	Columbia, SC	34%
38	San Diego, CA	46%	89	Charleston, SC	34%
39	Las Vegas, NV	46%	90	Dallas-Ft. Worth, TX	33%
40	Cedar Rapids-Waterloo, IA	46%	91	Corpus Christi, TX	33%
41	Syracuse, NY	46%	92	Kansas City, KS-MO	33%
42	Spokane, WA	45%	93	Mobile, AL-Pensacola-Ft. Walton Beach, FL	33%
43	Harrisburg-Wallico-Brownsville-McAllen, TX	45%	94	Richmond-Petersburg, VA	33%
44	Miami-Ft. Lauderdale, FL	45%	95	Harrisburg-Lancaster-Lebanon-York, PA	33%
45	Flint-Saginaw-Bay City, MI	45%	96	Salt Lake City, UT	32%
46	Baltimore, MD	45%	97	Wichita-Hutchinson-Dodge City-Salina-Manhattan, KS	32%
47	Phoenix-Flagstaff, AZ	44%	98	Baton Rouge, LA	32%
48	Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN	44%	99	Knoxville, TN	32%
49	Oriando-Daytona Beach-Melbourne, FL	44%	100	Charleston-Huntington, WV	32%
50	Peoria-Bloomington, IL	44%			
51	Waco-Temple-Bryan, TX	43%			

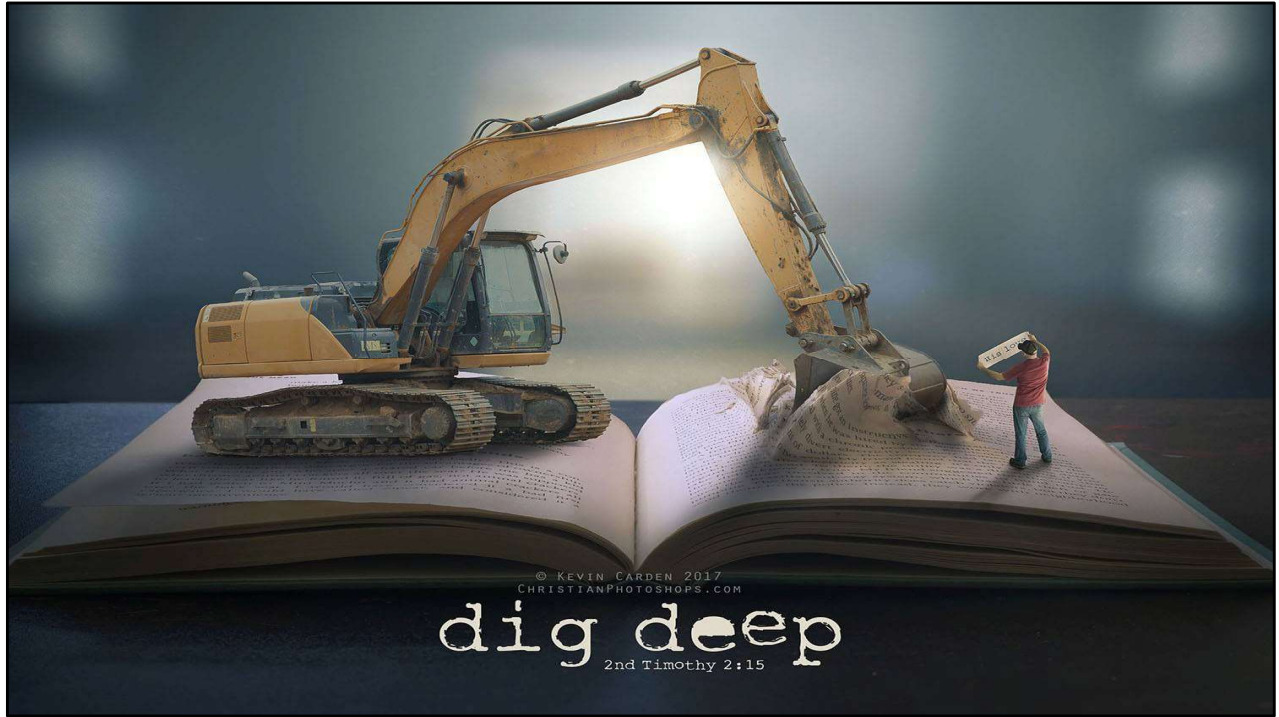
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Most Bible Minded cities? 69th at 22%

Post Christian cities: Philly is 22 out of 100



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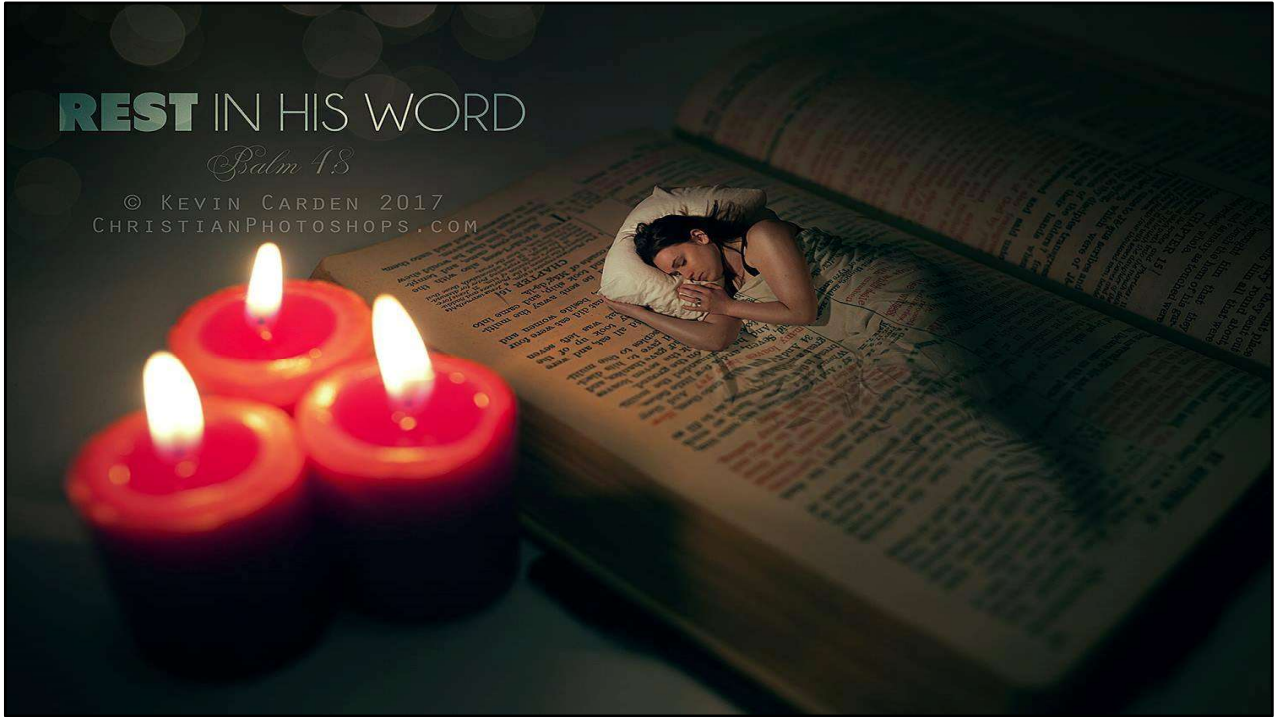
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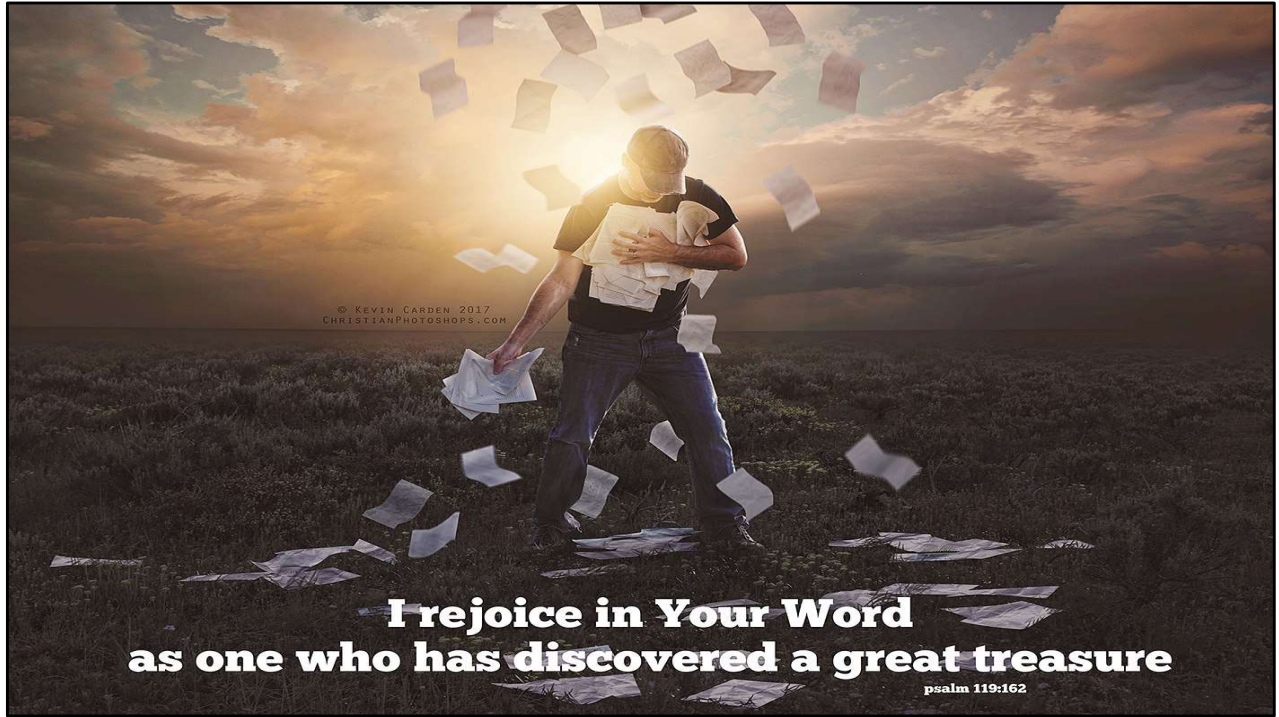


REST IN HIS WORD

Psalm 4:8

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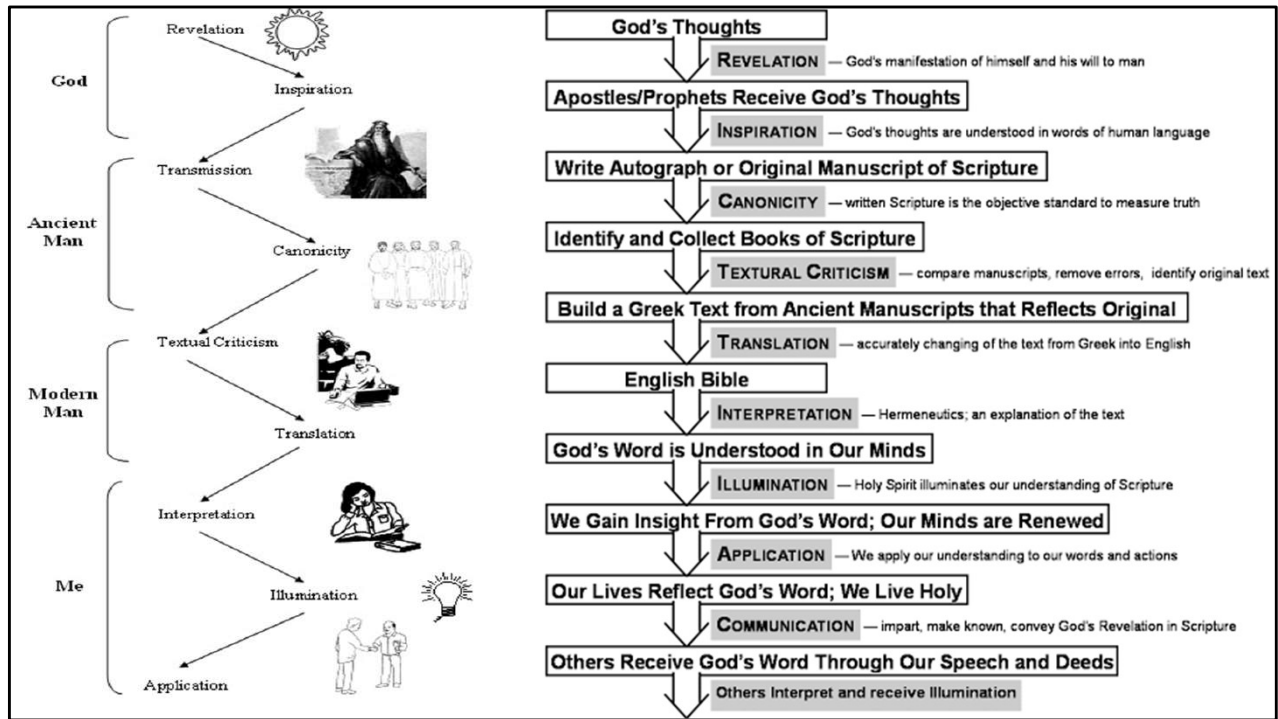




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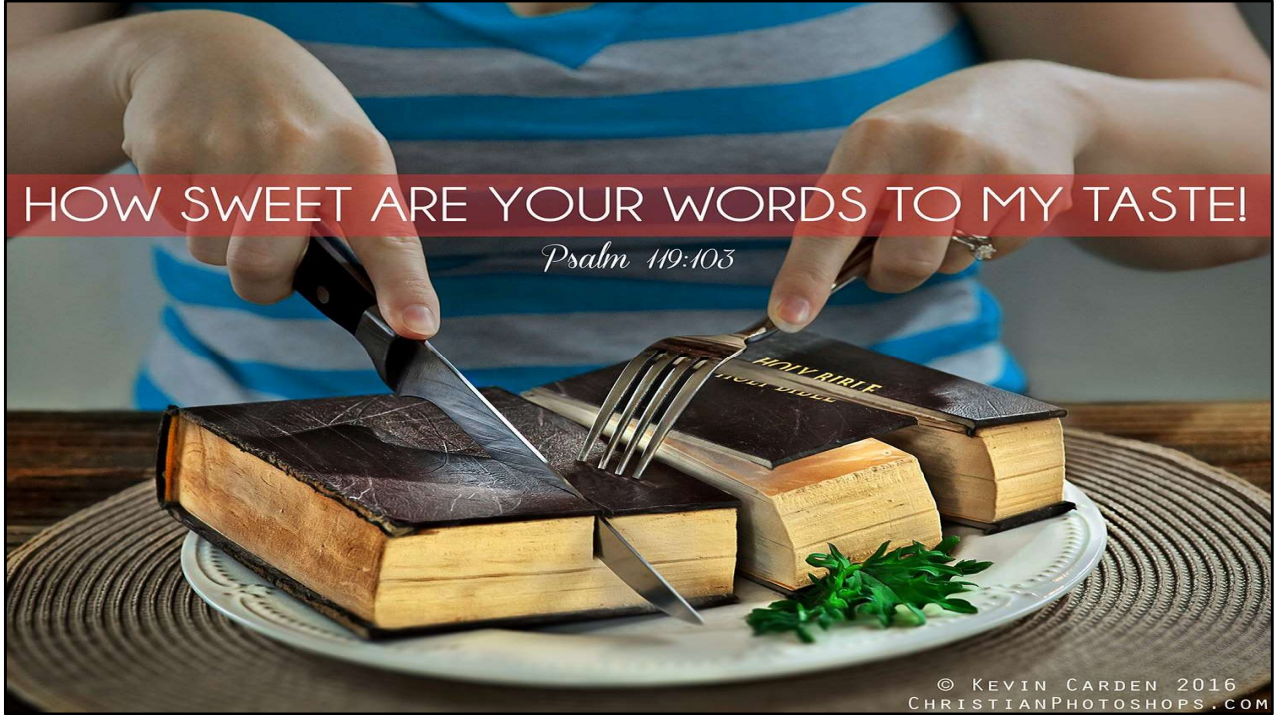
**I rejoice in Your Word
as one who has discovered a great treasure**

psalm 119:162



HOW SWEET ARE YOUR WORDS TO MY TASTE!

Psalm 119:103



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YOUR WORD I HAVE TREASURED
IN MY HEART

PSALM 119:11

