

## THE BIBLE FOR DUMMIES

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*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.*

### 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

#### **Graphé** is...

The written word of God, the Bible itself.

#### **Logos** is...

The message or meaning of the word of God.

#### **Rhema** is...

The utterance or spoken word of God.

*Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Matthew 4:4 (NIV)*

*Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. Jeremiah 15:16 (ESV)*

*I have not departed from the command of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food. Job 23:12 (NASB)*

*Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness. 1 Peter 2:2-3 (NLT)*

**What milk is to a baby's body;  
the Word of God is to the soul.**

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### **Milk is...**

The **basics** or **ABC's** of the Christian faith.  
Milk is biblical **information** and **truth** that a believer can build on.

### **Meat is...**

The spiritual **understanding** and **application** is a believer's life.

*Cry out for this **nourishment**, now that you have had a **taste** of the Lord's kindness. **1 Peter 2:3 (NLT)***

*You have been believers so long now that **you ought to be teaching others**. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need **milk** and cannot eat **solid food**.*

**Hebrews 5:12 (NLT)**

### **Developing spiritual maturity requires...**

#### **1. Reading God's Word.**

*Blessed is the person who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the **Law of the Lord**, and on His law, **he meditates day and night**.*

*He will be like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers.*

**Psalms 1:1-3 (NASB)**

#### **2. Studying God's Word.**

*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who **correctly handles the word of truth**.*

**2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)**

#### **3. Memorizing God's Word.**

*I have hidden your **word in my heart** that I might not sin against you.*

**Psalms 119:11 (NIV)**

#### **4. Hearing God's Word.**

*So faith comes from **hearing**, that is, **hearing** the Good News about Christ.*

**Romans 10:17 (NLT)**