

The 66 Books of the Bible

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2 TIMOTHY 3:16

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PSALM 119:105

Qualities of the Bible.

1. It's a _____ book!

Hebrews 4:12 The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edge sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

God's Word is how He speaks to us. Reading is listening!

WHAT IS ACTIVE LISTENING?

_____ what you read.

Ask _____ questions.

Focus on _____ and key

_____.

Be focused and fully _____.

Suspend _____.

To read/listen for understanding we must:

_____, _____,

_____.

2. It has _____ purpose.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Scripture is its own _____ apart from my understanding or interpretation.

If there is a _____, it is with my understanding not with the text!

3. It is meant to _____ us in this life.

Deuteronomy 8:2-3 And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Matthew 4:4 Jesus echoed this truth as a defense against Satan when he tempted Him in the wilderness saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

*John 6:51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.
(going on into the Lord's supper)*

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

4. It was written to transcend _____.

Romans 15:4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

The Bible was not written_____ us, but it was written_____ us.

Each writing had an immediate _____ and a future _____.

5. We cannot understand scripture when we read from our own _____ rather than the author's.

Isaiah 55:9-11 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

6. We cannot understand it _____; the _____ is our teacher.

1 Corinthians 2:11-12 For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

Phillip and the Ethiopian Eunuch are a great example of this: *Acts 8:29-35 And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him....(Isaiah 53) ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.*

7. Knowing the Word takes_____ but reaps benefits.

Proverbs 2:3-11 yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints. Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path; for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; discretion will watch over you, understanding will guard you,

Bible Reading Activity

Psalm 119:1-40

How does the Psalmist view God's Word?

What are its purposes and benefits?

- Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!
- ² Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with their whole heart,
- ³ who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways!
- ⁴ You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.
- ⁵ Oh that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!
- ⁶ Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
- ⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous rules.
- ⁸ I will keep your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me!
- ⁹ How can a young man keep his way pure?
By guarding it according to your word.
- ¹⁰ With my whole heart I seek you;
let me not wander from your commandments!
- ¹¹ I have stored up your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you.
- ¹² Blessed are you, O LORD;
teach me your statutes!
- ¹³ With my lips I declare
all the rules of your mouth.
- ¹⁴ In the way of your testimonies I delight
as much as in all riches.
- ¹⁵ I will meditate on your precepts
and fix my eyes on your ways.
- ¹⁶ I will delight in your statutes;
I will not forget your word.

¹⁷Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.
¹⁸Open my eyes, that I may behold
wondrous things out of your law.
¹⁹I am a sojourner on the earth;
hide not your commandments from me!
²⁰My soul is consumed with longing
for your rules^[d] at all times.
²¹You rebuke the insolent, accursed ones,
who wander from your commandments.
²²Take away from me scorn and contempt,
for I have kept your testimonies.
²³Even though princes sit plotting against me,
your servant will meditate on your statutes.
²⁴Your testimonies are my delight;
they are my counselors.
²⁵My soul clings to the dust;
give me life according to your word!
²⁶When I told of my ways, you answered me;
teach me your statutes!
²⁷Make me understand the way of your precepts,
and I will meditate on your wondrous works.
²⁸My soul melts away for sorrow;
strengthen me according to your word!
²⁹Put false ways far from me
and graciously teach me your law!
³⁰I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I set your rules before me.
³¹I cling to your testimonies, O LORD;
let me not be put to shame!
³²I will run in the way of your commandments
when you enlarge my heart!^[e]
³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.^[f]
³⁴Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
³⁶Incline my heart to your testimonies,

and not to selfish gain!

³⁷Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
and give me life in your ways.

³⁸Confirm to your servant your promise,
that you may be feared.

³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread,
for your rules are good.

⁴⁰Behold, I long for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life!

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Characteristics of the Bible.

The Bible is made up of _____ books existing in two sections: *The Old Testament and the New Testament*

It takes approximately _____ hours to read the entire Bible. (_____ hours OT, _____ hours NT)

It was written in _____ original languages:

Old Testament - _____; _____

New Testament - _____

Why is there a touch of Aramaic found in parts of Daniel, Ezra, one verse in Jeremiah (10:11) and one verse in Genesis (31:47)?

The collective writings of the canon were written over a span of _____ years.

The books were not written _____.

The first written Word of God was _____, written by _____.

From that point on, Scripture was recorded by the _____ and _____.

Recall 2 Timothy 3:16... "*All scripture is breathed out by God...*"

This means it is literally _____.

Concursive Operation-

Verbal Plenary-

2 Peter 1:19-21 *And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

Torah 5 (law)

Old Testament 39 total

AD 90 Council of Jamnia

NT books written: _____, _____, _____,
_____, _____, _____.

_____ was written last around 90-95

AD.

Apostles validate the Old Testament as complete.

Jesus recognized the Old Testament scriptures as:

John 10:35 - unbreakable

Matthew 5:17-19 unchangeable

Matthew 12:38-42 historical and prophetic

Matthew 19:4-5 authoritative and instructive

New Testament 27

Apostolicity - written by a _____ of _____ or a verified OT prophet or patriarch.

Catholicity - _____ ; accepted by the entire New Testament church during circulation as authoritative in source.

Orthodoxy - in full agreement of _____ found in other canonical texts. True. Verifiable in source and content.

The apostles recognized each other's writings as scripture.

2 Peter 3:15-16 *And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, ¹⁶ as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.*

The apostles knew their authority at the time because Christ had given it to them personally.

Acts 1:8

Paul's writings....

The 66 books of the Bible were never _____, they were universally _____.

