

"You Don't Need To Read The Bible" Don't Buy The Lie – Part 5

Selected Scriptures
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QUESTION #1: WHY SHOULD I STUDY THE BIBLE ON MY OWN?

➤ GOD COMMANDS IT.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome." 1 John 5:3 (NKJV)

➤ IT STRENGTHENS US.

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

"...as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby..." 1 Peter 2:2 (NKJV)

"I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready." 1 Corinthians 3:2 (NIV1984)

➤ IT PROTECTS US.

"How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word...I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."
Psalm 119:9,11 (NLT)

➤ IT PREPARES US.

"But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats. Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it."
1 Peter 3:14-15 (NLT)

➤ IT ENRICHES US.

"The instructions of the LORD are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The commandments of the LORD are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are clear, giving insight for living. Reverence for the LORD is pure, lasting forever. The laws of the LORD are true; each one is fair. They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb. They are a warning to your servant, a great reward for those who obey them." Psalm 19:7-11 (NLT)

QUESTION #2: HOW CAN I S.T.U.D.Y. THE BIBLE ON MY OWN?

❖ S – SET A TIME EVERY DAY.

❖ I – TALK TO GOD FIRST.

"Praise be to you, LORD; teach me your decrees." Psalm 119:12 (NIV)

"Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law." Psalm 119:18 (NIV)

"Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands." Psalm 119:73 (NIV)

❖ U – USE A READABLE TRANSLATION.

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word." Psalm 119:9 (KJV)

"How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word." Psalm 119:9 (NIV)

❖ **D** – **DECIDE ON THE RIGHT PLACE TO START**.

❖ **Y** – **YIELD TO GOD'S WAY**.

"You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth..." 1 Peter 1:22a (NLT)

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." James 1:22 (NKJV)

"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life." John 5:39-40 (NKJV)