



“The B-I-B-L-E Is That The Book for Me?”

God's Growth Plan Series

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Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.” Matthew 24:35

- “I have hidden Your word in my heart.” Psalm 119:11

If we make a commitment to set aside time & dive into God's Word, we'll see:

- 1) God's Word brings POWER !
 - “For the word of God is alive and powerful.” Hebrews 4:12
- 2) God's Word brings HEALING !
 - “Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress. He sent out His word and healed them.” Psalm 107:19-20
- 3) God's Word brings DIRECTION !
 - “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” Psalm 119:105
- 4) God's Word brings FREEDOM !
 - “He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners, for recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed.” Luke 4:18

God calls us to MASTER THE TEXT.

- “Follow My advice, My son, always treasure My commands. Obey My commands and live. Guard My instructions as you guard your own eyes. Tie them on your fingers as a reminder. Write them deep within your hearts.” Proverbs 7:1-3
- **Practical tips to help us study the text:**
 - Choose a BIBLE
 - Focus on the WHO , WHAT , & WHY of scripture.
 - INTERNET
 - “As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?” Psalm 42:1-2
 - We master the text so we can MEET WITH GOD !
 - But God also calls us to be mastered BY the text!
 - “Woe to you, teachers of the laws and Pharisees, you hypocrite! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside, but on the inside, you are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean.” Matthew 23:27
 - “We know that we have come to know Him if we obey His commands. Whoever says, ‘I know Him,’ but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys His word, God's word is truly made complete in him. his is how we know we are in Him: Whoever claims to live in Him must live as Jesus did.” 1 John 2:3-6



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