

The Bible

Overview: The Bible: written over a 1500-year period, consisting of 66 books, written by some 40 different authors. Can it really be the Word of God? Can we really risk even our very lives on the integrity of the Bible? The answer is an overwhelming yes! Believe it, rely on it, use it and it will change you into a manifested child of God, into the glorious church without spot or wrinkle. The primary purpose of the Bible is transformation, not information.

A. God said it – The Bible as God’s Word

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| 1. God inspired and God used. | 2 Tim 3:16-17 |
| 2. Word will not return void. | Isa 55:11 |

B. I believe it – The Bible as the Reliable Word of God

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| 1. It is impossible for God to lie. | Heb 6:18 |
| 2. God has spoken it; God will do it. | Isa 46:11 |
| 3. Jesus believed the Scriptures – cannot be broken. | John 10:34-36 |

C. That settles it – The Bible as the Transformer of Life

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| 1. Avoid foolish, vain controversies and strife over the Word. | 2 Tim 2:14-17,23-26 |
| 2. Renewed mind, transformed life. | Rom 12:1-2 |
| 3. Washed by the Word, made clean. | Eph 5:26-27; John 15:3 |

D. Growing by the Word of God

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| 1. Desire the milk of the Word. | 1 Peter 2:1-2 |
| 2. Carnality defines your relation to the meat of the Word. | 1 Cor 3:1-3; Rom 8:7 |
| 3. Dull hearing limits the depth of the Word. | Heb 5:11; Heb 3:7-8,10 |
| 4. Strong Meat is for those trained by the Word. | Heb 5:12-14 |
| 5. Growing from baby to young man to father. | 1 John 2:11-14 |
| 6. Continue in the Word to be set free. | John 8:31-32 |
| 7. Cultivate a good heart to receive the Word. | Mark 4:14-20 |

E. Applying the Word of God

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| 1. Diligently seek God. | Heb 11:6 |
| 2. Pursue the Word – renew the mind. | 2 Tim 2:15; Rom 12:2 |
| 3. Hearing and doing the Word - purify the heart. | Matt 7:24-27 |
| 4. Be a hearer and doer – deliver the soul. | Jam 1:21-25 |

F. Living by the Word of God

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| 1. Receive with meekness the engrafted Word. | James 1:21 |
| 2. Submit to God, resist the devil. | James 4:7 |
| 3. One step at a time – draw near to God. | James 4:8 |
| 4. Hear & do, read & do, study & do. | John 14:21,23 |

Smith Wigglesworth - “Fill your head and your heart with the Scriptures. Memorize passages from the Word with the name of the book, the chapter, and the verse. You must so soak with the Word of God, you must be so filled with it, that you yourself are a living epistle, known and read by all men. Believers are strong only as the Word of God abides in them. Know your Book, live it, believe it and obey it. Hide God’s Word in your heart. It will save your soul, quicken your body and illumine your mind. The Word of God is full and final, infallible, reliable, and up-to-date, and our attitude toward it must be one of unquestioned obedience.”