



THE WORD

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God's Word

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God has written you a love letter, and it is called The Bible—the greatest best seller of all time! He reveals his mind, his heart, and his purposes in it. He tells us how and why we were created; who Christ is and why he died and rose; the joys and challenges of following Jesus; what the future will be for each of us, this planet, and all of creation. Oh, one last small item—the Bible provides wisdom and solutions to virtually every problem, question, or issue ever known to man! So, dive in. Enjoy! Get to know the Bible and the God of the Bible. Let it change your life—forever!

What is the Word?

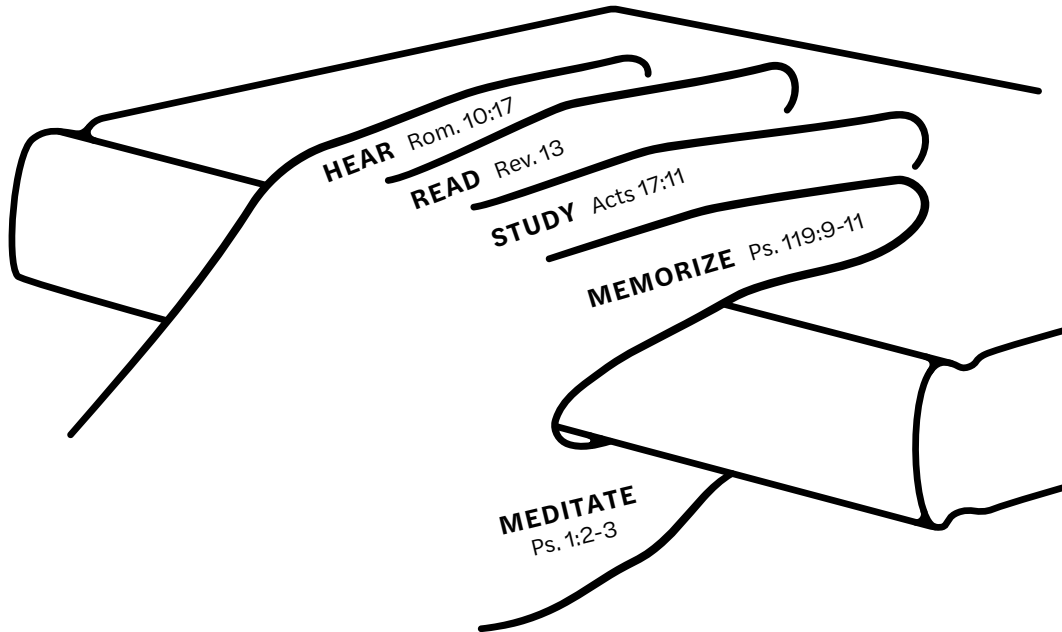
The Bible is the Word of God. The Old and New Testaments are supernaturally inspired, inerrant in the original writing, infallible, and the final authority for all Christian faith, life, and conduct for every age.

Why is it important?

1. **Inspiration:** The Bible's content originated from God. 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21
2. **Inerrant:** God didn't make any mistakes when the Bible was written. Ps. 119:160; Matt. 5:18
3. **Infallible:** The Bible is trustworthy and reliable. Is. 55:11; Matt. 24:35
4. **Authority:** The Bible should be obeyed. John 8:31, 32; Josh. 1:8

How to get the Word into your life

The Hand illustration is designed to help you strengthen your grasp of the Word of God. As you practice each aspect of the hand, your input of God's word will increase daily.



The Hand illustration by the Navigators

Aspects of the Hand Illustration

1. **Hear** the Word at church (take notes)
2. **Read** the Word daily (reading plan)
3. **Study** the Bible in small groups
4. **Memorize** key passages (topical memory system)
5. **Meditate** on meaningful passages (Josh. 1:8)

Action steps

1. Pick at least one area mentioned above
2. Develop a plan to do this week in that area
3. Accountability — get someone to ask you in a week how you did on your plan

Suggested memory verse: Joshua 1:8

Materials: Bible Reading Plan; Topical Memory System

Topical Memory System

If you want to memorize Scripture, but aren't sure what to memorize or how, this system is exactly what you need to begin hiding God's word in your heart.

Live the New Life

Christ the Center
Obedience to Christ
The Word
Prayer
Fellowship
Witnessing

2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 2:20
Romans 12:1, John 14:21
2 Timothy 3:16, Joshua 1:8
John 15:7, Philippians 4:6-7
Matthew 18:20, Heb 10:24-25
Matthew 4:19, Romans 1:16

Proclaim Christ

All Have Sinned
Sin's Penalty
Christ Paid the Penalty
Salvation is not by Works
Must Receive Christ
Assurance of Salvation

Romans 3:23, Isaiah 53:6
Romans 6:23, Hebrews 9:27
Romans 5:8, 1 Peter 3:18
Ephesians 2:8-9, Titus 3:5
John 1:12, Revelation 3:20
1 John 5:13, John 5:24

Rely on God's Resources

His Spirit
His Strength
His Faithfulness
His Peace
His Provision
His Help in Temptation

1 Corinthians 3:16, 1 Corinthians 2:12
Isaiah 41:10, Philippians 4:13
Lamentations 3:22-23, Numbers 23:19
Isaiah 26:3, 1 Peter 5:7
Romans 8:32, Philippians 4:19
Hebrews 2:18, Psalms 119:9-11

Be Christ's Disciple

Put Christ First
Separate From the World
Be Steadfast
Serve Others
Give Generously
Develop World Vision

Matthew 6:33, Luke 9:23
1 John 2:15-16, Romans 12:2
1 Corinthians 15:58, Hebrews 12:3
Mark 10:45, 2 Corinthians 4:5
Proverbs 3:9-10, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7
Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:19-20

Grow in Christlikeness

Love
Humility
Purity
Honesty
Faith
Good Works

John 13:34-35, 1 John 3:18
Philippians 2:3-4, 1 Peter 5:5-6
Ephesians 5:3, 1 Peter 2:11
Leviticus 19:11, Acts 24:16
Hebrews 11:6, Romans 4:20-21
Galatians 6:9-10, Matthew 5:16

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