



“Why Study the Bible?”

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I. **Provision** - To gain spiritual food

A. The Bible describes itself as . . .

1. Milk (1 Peter 2:2)
2. Meat (Heb. 5:12-14)

B. The Bible proves itself to be . . .

1. Inexhaustible
2. Addictive (Ps. 119:103; 2 Tim. 4:13)



II. **Purification** - To gain spiritual cleansing

A. **Daily** Cleansing Necessary

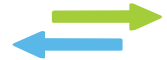
B. The Word is the **means** (Eph. 5:25,26; John 15:3)

III. Prudence - To gain spiritual **wisdom**

A. What it is . . . A book of Wisdom (2 Tim. 3:16)

B. What it does . . .

1. Reveals the **right** way (2 Tim. 3:14,15)
2. Exposes the **wrong** way (Tit. 1:9)



IV. Path - To gain spiritual Guidance

A. The Bible gives **light** (Ps. 119:105)

B. The Bible gives **understanding** (Ps. 119:99)

V. Persuasion - To Increase Faith

A. **Saving** faith (Read Romans 10:1-18)

B. **Confirming** faith (Acts 17:11-12)



VI. Picture - To be transformed (2 Cor. 3:18)

- The daily study of the Scriptures over extended years transforms us into the image of **Christ**.



VII. Perception - To gain the knowledge of God

- A. Christ came to **reveal** God (2 Cor. 4:6)
- B. Knowledge that comes from **experience** (Gen. 4:1; Mt. 1:24,25)
- C. This knowledge produces **noticeable** results (Acts 4:13)

VIII. Proclamation - To **impart** the blessing of the Word

- A. We are commanded to be **ready** (1 Peter 3:15)
- B. We are commanded to **teach**
 1. Ministers (1 Tim. 3:2; 2 Tim. 4:2)
 2. All Believers (Matt. 28:19,20)
- C. We are **Ambassadors** (2 Cor. 5:18-20)



Conclusion - Bible illustrations of Bible Study

- A. **Moses** Command to Kings (Deut. 17:18,19)
- B. The Psalmist (Ps. 119:97,99,103,105)
- C. Daniel (Dan. 9:2)
- D. **Ezra** to those returning from captivity (Neh. 8:8)
- E. Christ (Luke 24:45)
- F. **Peter** (Acts 2:14-17)
- G. The Berean Christians (Acts. 17:11)
- H. **Paul** in Prison (2 Tim. 4:13) "bring the parchments"

CONCLUDING APPLICATION

