

**This Is The Way
Study
2 Timothy 3:14-17**

Introduction: Read The Bible

Last Week: Give up; Surrender; "I can't. God can. I think I'll let Him."

Today: Think up; Study; "Read the Bible."

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

(2 Timothy 3:14-17 NIV)

Question: Why should I read the Bible?

- It is God-breathed
- It generates life and creates faith
- It honors God and worries the Devil
- You will meet Jesus

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." (Isaiah 30:21)

S is for Scripture

Point: Make a commitment to read the Bible on a regular basis

Question: What keeps people from reading the Bible?

Action: The place to start is determining to make time.

Question: Do I need to keep a journal?

O is for Observe

Point: Be curious about what you read

Action: Be willing to take some time with a passage

Note: Meditation considers how God makes His truth personal for you

A is for Application

Point: Jesus didn't teach to just increase people's knowledge but to change lives

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. (James 1:22 NLT)

Bonus Phrase: "Read the Bible. Do what it says."

Action: Do the next right thing

P is for Prayer

Point: While reading talk with God honestly and simply about what you are reading.

Action: Meet God through His Word

We are destroying arguments and all arrogance raised against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ... (2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB)

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7 NLT)

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. (Colossians 3:1-2 NLT)

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock. (Isaiah 26:3-4 NLT)