

WHAT THE BIBLE WILL DO FOR YOU IN 2022 (PART 2)

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I. WHY THE BIBLE IS SO IMPORTANT

The Bible is the primary and clearest way that God speaks to us.

“Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (NLT)

I don’t speak on my own authority. The Father who sent me has commanded me what to say and how to say it. And I know his commands lead to eternal life...

John 12:49-50 (NLT)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

The Word of God – the Bible - is a prime source of growth, maturity and effectiveness

II. WHAT THE BIBLE WILL DO FOR YOU IN 2022—PSALM 119

Theme of Psalm 119:

Sin will keep you from this book and this book will keep you from sin.

Theme verse:

I have tried hard to find you— don’t let me wander from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:10-11 (NLT)

The format of Psalm 119 suggests it is about new beginnings

Be alert, be present. I’m about to do something brand-new. It’s bursting out! Don’t you see it? There it is! I’m making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands.

Isaiah 43:19 (TMSG)

God's Word promises to provide me with...

- 1. Joy that nothing in this world can provide or destroy (v.1-2)**
- 2. Protection from the devastating self-inflicted wounds of sin (v.9-11)**
- 3. Strength in time of sorrow (v.28)**
- 4. Freedom from guilt and shame (v.32)**
- 5. Wholesome values (v.37)**
- 6. Comfort in time of suffering (v.50)**

- 7. Deeper understanding of God's character (v.68)**

What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us...We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God.

A.W. Tozer

- 8. Advantages over my enemies (v.98)**

- 9. Wisdom that is superior to any secular education (v.99)**

Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make men a more clever devil.

C. S. Lewis

- 10. Guidance to make the best decisions (v.105)**

In regard to this Great Book, I have but to say, it is the best gift God has given to man. All the good the Saviour gave to the world was communicated through this book. But for it, we could not know right from wrong. All things most desirable for man's welfare, here and hereafter, are to be found portrayed in it.

Abraham Lincoln

- 11. Assurance that the Lord is with me (v.151)**

Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you.

Deuteronomy 31:8 (NLT)

- 12. Unshakable inner peace (v.165)**

- 13. Eternal salvation (v.166)**

III. HOW I CAN SPEND MORE TIME IN GOD'S WORD IN THIS NEW YEAR

- 1. Ask God to give me more desire for His Word**
- 2. Commit to spending more time in Scripture**
- 3. Design a specific action plan in my schedule**
- 4. Remove the excuses and just do it!**