

## Why Should I Study the Bible?

1. Because the Bible is a lamp to guide me through life, a pattern. In Psalms 119:105 David said to God, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."
2. Because I should have a desire to know what God says. Job said in Job 23:12, "I have not departed from the commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food."
3. So I can be approved before God. Paul told Timothy in II Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved before God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
4. So I can tell others about God and why I believe what I do. Peter told the church in I Peter 3:15, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear."
5. Because I will be judged by the Bible on Judgment Day. In John 12:48 Jesus said, "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day."
6. So I can know the truth so well, that when false doctrine is taught I can spot it immediately and defend God's Word. Paul said in II Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."
7. So I can teach others the Word of God as I am commanded to do. In Mark 16:15 Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."
8. Because it will help save my soul. James 1:21, "...and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls." Rom. 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation..."