

### Chaplain's Corner



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### The Tools Of Bible Study Part 1

I had an opportunity to visit our Westside Library which had just opened a few short years back. And during the opening a young lady who was very proud of the facility had offered to show me around. I was in a hurry, and I declined the offer, and insisted that I could find my way around, and get the materials need for what ever on my own. I need not say I should have accepted, because I got lost.

This brings me to the Bible! Whatever else the Bible is, it is a Library. In fact, if you like statistics, you may be interested to know it contains 66 books, 1,189 chapters, 23,214 verses and 773,692 words in the King James Version. That amounts to a lot of places in which to get lost. And that is exactly what many people have done. So let's be practical about Bible Study and see if we can get some ideas about really benefiting from it.

First, you must be motivated-which means you want to study the Bible. Unfortunately some of us haven't yet come this far. It is assumed that listening to a sermon every now and then is all we need, but that's wrong. It is important that each Christian learn how to feed himself from the word of God.

There are four points or facts concerning the Bible. 1. The Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit. This means He, a member of the Holy Trinity, took time to move people to write what he wanted them to write so we would know what God thinks-(2 peer 1:21 and 2 timothy 3:16). Most things we know are the product of man's research or thinking. But man has been proved wrong quite a few times, so we all know we have to treat his findings with care. If only God would tell us what's going on! Then we could have some degree of confidence and build our lives on what God said instead of the shaky grounds of what man thinks. This is exactly what God has done in the Bible. Many times you read it in phrases like "Thus saith the Lord"--- or "H spoke with authority" or "Hear what the Spirit says"---. This is exciting, for it means that people living on a tiny planet in the twentieth century can know what God thinks about things and what he plans to do.

2. The Bible is the only means of knowing how to be reconciled to God. Many people know something about Him and would urgently like Him better than they do. But their knowledge is fuzzy, and they don't know which way to go or where to start looking for information. Paul said it is the Scriptures that "make us wise to salvation." That being the case, saved people should be highly motivated to research all they can about salvation in the only place they can find the information.

3. The Bible is the only place where you can get information on what to do after you have made a start in the Christian life. "Where do we go from here?" is a popular query and, sad to say, some of the answers given are not too good. The same Bible passage that tells us it is inspired and makes us wise about salvation also tells us we need the Bible to become "mature and equipped." I am speaking of 2 Timothy 3:15-17. These verses also give us a few insights as to how the maturing and equipping takes place: through teaching, reproof, and correction. Teaching tells you what to do; reproof tells what not to do; correction tells you what to do when you have done what you were told not to do. Which covers just about everything!

4. Can we look into the crystal ball and determine what is going to happen in the future? More and more people are studing horoscopes, visiting mediums, and reading science fiction because of an almost morbid interest in the future. But there is only one authoritative voice about the future-the Bible. In the Bible alone can we know what lies ahead, what the world

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### Try It!

Next time you're in a Chinese restaurant take a wack at ordering in Chinese. Here's what some common Chinese menu terms mean: "shu" means roasted; "ding" is diced, "gai" stands for chicken and "kew" or "kow" means with Chinese vegetables. Once you've mastered ordering in Chinese try mastering the art of eating with chopsticks.



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