

## LEARNING TO LIVE SERIES

### Lesson 1 - What Does The Bible Say About Itself?

2Ti 3:16-17 Every scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, (17) that the person dedicated to God may be capable and equipped for every good work.

1. How much of the Bible is inspired (God-breathed) by God?

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2. In what four areas is the Bible profitable?

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- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
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3. What is the result for the person that studies God's Word?

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Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any double-edged sword, piercing even to the point of dividing soul from spirit, and joints from marrow; it is able to judge the desires and thoughts of the heart.

4. What does the Word of God judge? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Is man the judge of God's Word, or does God's Word judge man? Explain.

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Psalms 119:11 In my heart I store up your words, so I might not sin against you.

6. Where is the best place to keep your Bible? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What should the outcome of keeping the Bible be? \_\_\_\_\_

(Psa 119:18) Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Your law.

8. What should we ask the Lord before reading the Bible?

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(Luk 24:15-27) While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself approached and *began* traveling with them. But their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him. And He said to them, "What are these words that you are exchanging with one another as you are walking?" And they stood still, looking sad. One *of them*, named Cleopas, answered and said to Him, "Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem and unaware of the things which have happened here in these days?" And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "The things about Jesus the

Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word in the sight of God and all the people, and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to the sentence of death, and crucified Him. "But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened. "But also some women among us amazed us. When they were at the tomb early in the morning, and did not find His body, they came, saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said that He was alive. "Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see." And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! "Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?" Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

9. Jesus says that there is one person that is spoken of throughout the Old Testament (Scriptures). Who is this person?
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(Joh 5:39) "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me;

10. If we search the Scriptures (Jesus has in mind the Old Testament), of whom will they speak?
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(Rom 15:4) For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

(1Co 10:11) Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

11. Why should the Old Testament be of significance to Christians?
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(Jos 1:8) "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.

12. What three responsibilities did the people of the Old testament have in regards to God's Word (book of the law)?

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b. \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Do you think the same responsibilities are applicable to Christians?

(Jam 1:22) But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

13. Explain the difference between a doer and a hearer of God's Word.

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(Mat 24:35) "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

14. What does Jesus say about his own words? \_\_\_\_\_

(Psa 119:105) Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

15. Where do we go to find direction in the decisions of life?

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(Mat 4:4-10) But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'" (5) Then the devil \*took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, (6) and \*said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, 'HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU'; and 'ON *their* HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'" (7) Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'" (8) Again, the devil \*took Him to a very high mountain and \*showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; (9) and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me." (10) Then Jesus \*said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"

16. What weapon did Jesus use to fight temptation?

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Act 20:32 "And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build *you* up and to give *you* the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

17. What is God's Word able to do for you?

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Rom 10:17 So faith *comes* from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

18. How does a person get faith and increase in faith?

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Psa 119:9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping *it* according to Your word.

19. How can a Christian keep his life pure?

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Psa 119:133 Establish my footsteps in Your word, And do not let any iniquity have dominion over me.

20. In order to avoid the sins of the world controlling our life, what is to be the guide in our daily walk? Explain.

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Consider:

When Paul (2 Timothy 2:16-17) and Jesus (Luke 24:27) speak of “all” the Scriptures, they are referring to the Old Testament.

Is the Old Testament The Word of God, or does it merely contain The Word of God?

Which position is more consistent with the Bible’s testimony of itself (2 Tim. 2:16-17; Luke 24:27)?

If the Scriptures simply contain The Word of God, how does the student determine what portions of Scripture is included and which portions should be omitted?

Is the determination a subjective consideration? Or, is there some objective criteria? In other words, do we decide what is the Word of God because it feels right (subjective)? Or, is there some rational/empirical criteria for making these judgments?

If man determines what is The Word of God, does this mean that man judges the Word rather than the Word of God judging man (Heb. 4:12)?