

# WHAT DO I DO WITH THE BIBLE?

## Take The Next Step – Part 2

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### I NEED THE BIBLE...

- To help me \_\_\_\_\_ God.

**1 Timothy 6:21 (TLB)** *“Some of these people have missed the **most important thing in life--they don't know God.**”*

- To teach me the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalms 12:6 (TLB)** *“The Lord's promise is sure. He speaks no careless word; **all He says is purest truth**, like silver seven times refined.”*

- To show me how to \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Timothy 3:16 (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 straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right.**”*

- To give me spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hebrews 4:12a (TLB)** *“For whatever God says to us is full of living power...”*

### HOW TO USE THE BIBLE

1. USE IT TO GET \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hosea 4:6a (NIV)** *“My people are destroyed from **lack of knowledge.**”*

**GOAL:** To \_\_\_\_\_ the word of God.

**Mark 12:24 (TLB)** *“Jesus replied, ‘Your trouble is that you don't **know the Scriptures** and don't know the power of God.’ ”*

2. USE IT TO GAIN \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 14:12 (GW)** *“There is a **way that seems right** to a person,*

but eventually it ends in death.”

**GOAL: To \_\_\_\_\_ the mind of God.**  
**Isaiah 55:8 (NIV)** “*For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,*’ declares the Lord.”

**3. USE IT TO DEVELOP MY \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Hebrews 5:14 (NIV)** “*But solid food is for the **mature**, who by constant use have **trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.***”

**GOAL: To \_\_\_\_\_ the values of God.**

**Deuteronomy 5:29 (TLB)** “*Oh, that they would always have such a **heart for Me, wanting to obey My commandments.** Then all would go well with them in the future, and with their children throughout all generations!*”

**4. USE IT TO SHARPEN MY \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV)** “*If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed but **skill will bring success.***”

**GOAL: To \_\_\_\_\_ the will of God.**

**James 1:22 (NRSV)** “*But **be doers of the Word**, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.*”

**Matthew 7:24-26 (CEV)** “*Anyone who **hears and obeys** these teachings of Mine **is like a wise person** who built a house on solid rock.<sup>26</sup> Anyone who hears My teachings and doesn’t obey them is like a foolish person who built a house on sand.”*

**5. USE IT TO BUILD MY \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Jude 1:20 (TLB)** “*But you, dear friends, must **build up your lives ever more strongly** upon the foundation of our holy faith, learning to **pray in the power and strength of the Holy Spirit.***”

**Colossians 3:10 (TLB)** “*You are living a brand new kind of life that **is continually learning more and more of what is right, and trying***

*constantly to be more and more like Christ who created this new life within you."*

**GOAL: To \_\_\_\_\_ like Jesus in my character.**