

The Bible: God's Instruction for the Church

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We live in a world of unlimited information but limited wisdom. Everyone has an opinion about how we should live, what we should believe, and even how the church should function. Every Christian faces competing voices. But what if God has already spoken clearly? What if the Bible isn't just ancient literature, but a divine blueprint?

1. The Bible's INSPIRATION

2 Timothy 3:16a, *All Scripture is God-breathed...*

2 Peter 1:21, *For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*

- It proceeds (from God)
- It's personal (toward you) - Hebrews 4:12
- It's perfect (without error) - Psalm 19:7; Acts 17:11
- It's powerful (to change us) - Psalm 33:6; Isaiah 55:11; Romans 1:16

2. The Bible's INSTRUCTION

2 Timothy 3:16b-17, *and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

- It instructs us on what is true (teaching)
- It instructs us as to where we're wrong (rebuking) - Psalm 119:105
- It instructs us on how to get back on track (correcting)
- It instructs us to live righteously (training in righteousness) - Psalm 1:2
- What's the result of trusting God's Word? Maturity, ministry, & mentorship by God Himself.

3. The Bible's INGESTED

Jeremiah 15:16, *When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name.*

Colossians 3:16, *Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.*

- The Bible is all of those things above, but not for you, unless you consume it.
- Read it. Journal it. Memorize it. Obey it.
- Text BIBLE to (951)425-4425 to join Cornerstone's 2026 Bible Reading Plan.

C.H. Spurgeon, "One who lives without prayer—one who lives with little prayer—one who seldom reads the Word—one who seldom looks up to heaven for a fresh influence from on high—will be the person whose heart will become cold and barren; but the person who calls in secret to their God—who spends much time in holy seclusion—who delights to meditate on the words of the Most High—whose soul is given up to Christ, who delights in his fullness, rejoices in his complete sufficiency... prays for his second coming, and delights in the thought of his glorious return—such a person, I say, must have an overflowing heart; and as their heart is, so will be their life. It will be a full life; it will be a life that will speak from the grave, and reverberate into the future, otherwise, the outcome of your life will be feeble, shallow, and superficial; and you might as well not have lived at all."