

More Valuable Than Gold

Psalm 19:7-11, 2 Timothy 3:16, Hebrews 4:12

If we want to know God well, we need to read the Bible. But most of us don't read it consistently, even though we believe it is true and important. How can we build a habit of reading the Scripture in the coming year?

The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold.

Psalm 19:7-10

1. Find the time.

2. Learn how to read it.

Why is the Bible challenging?

- Cultural distance
- Language barrier
- Theological difficulties

How should we read the Bible?

- Pray (John 16:13).

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

John 16:13

- Practice.
- Join a group (Heb 10:24-25).

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Heb 10:24-25

- Use resources (Eph 4:11).

Let it transform you.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

Practical Suggestions:

- Pray for wisdom (James 1:5).
- Find a good plan.
- Find a good group.
- Use audio Bibles.
- Use outside resources carefully.
- Don't give up!