

THE BENEFITS OF LEARNING THE BIBLE

PRECEPT

Isaiah 55:8-11

⁸ For My thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not My ways. This is the Lord's declaration.⁹ "For as heaven is higher than earth, so My ways are higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."¹⁰ The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry.¹¹ It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.

PROMISE

GUIDES YOUR LIFE. Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." When you're unsure about your next move—whether it's in relationships, career, parenting, or personal values—open the Bible. Don't just look for random verses but seek God's principles. Let them shape how you think, how you decide, and how you move forward. Think of it like a spiritual GPS: the more often you check it, the more accurate your direction becomes.

OPENS MY HEART TO DISCERN THE TRUTH. Hebrews 5:14 tells us, "Solid food is for the mature, whose perceptions are trained by practice to discern both good and evil." As you grow in the Word, your spiritual instincts are sharpened. You begin to sense when something is "off," even if the world says it's normal. But it takes practice—regularly reading the Bible trains your heart to recognize truth and reject deception.

DEEPENS MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. Jeremiah 9:24 says, "If people want to boast, they should boast about this: They should boast that they understand and know me." God's Word is not just an instruction manual—it's a love letter. The more you read it, the more you understand who God is, what He values, and how He interacts with His people. Learning Scripture isn't about getting smarter spiritually; it's about getting closer relationally.

STRENGTHENS US IN STRUGGLES. Romans 15:4 tells us, "And the Scriptures were written to teach and encourage us by giving us hope." Life brings storms—grief, anxiety, pressure, pain, and hurts. That's the reality of life. But when storms hit, open your Bible. Go to the Psalms when you feel broken. Read Romans when you feel weak. Turn to the Gospels to see how Jesus handles pain. The Word won't always "fix" the problem instantly, but it will strengthen your heart to endure and overcome your struggles.

WIELDS POWER AGAINST THE ENEMY. Ephesians 6:17 says, "Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." When temptation strikes or spiritual warfare hits, God's Word is your sword, your weapon. When temptation, doubt, or accusation hits, speak the Word out loud. Memorize specific verses that target your battles—fear, lust, insecurity, pride. Jesus in the wilderness (Matthew 4) answered Satan with the scripture. It's not just a shield—it's a sword.

OVERFLOWS YOUR FAITH. Romans 10:17 tells us, "Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ." If your faith feels weak or wobbly, don't just try harder. The Scripture is your spiritual fuel. Faith doesn't grow by accident. It grows by exposure to truth. If you're spiritually dry, weak, or cynical, soak yourself in the Word. Start your day with a Psalm. Read promises from the Gospels. Hear sermons that are rooted in Scripture.

REFINES YOUR CHARACTER. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, "All Scripture... is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness..." God's Word doesn't just pat you on the back—it calls you higher. It convicts, corrects, and changes your attitude, speech, and habits so you become more like Jesus. When you spend time in the Bible, it will challenge your pride, reshape your priorities, and teach you how to speak, love, serve, and think like Jesus. Don't just highlight the comforting verses—let the convicting ones shape you too.

DELIVERS LASTING BLESSING. Psalm 1:2-3 tells us, "...His delight is in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. ...Whatever he does prospers." People chase happiness in all the wrong places. But those who learn and live God's Word are rooted, nourished, and fruitful—no matter the season. When you build your life on Scripture, you're like a tree planted by water. Even in dry seasons, you'll still bear fruit. Prioritize God's Word daily. Don't just glance—delight in it. The fruit may not appear instantly, but over time others will see the evidence of a life nourished by God.

PRACTICE

1. **Benefits.** What's a Bible verse you've read recently that has impacted you the most?

2. **Bible unboxed.** How has G.O.D.S.W.O.R.D make you want to start/consistently reading the Bible? And how can we encourage/pray for you regarding this?

PRAYER

I. Life Worship

- May their talents glorify God and inspire others to draw near to Him.

II. Life Line

- Pray that God will speak to His people through our postings on social media.

III. Life Sports

- Thank God for a healthy body, abilities, and the gift of sports.

IV. Life Kids

- Pray for more dedicated volunteer and for our children to encounter God.

V. Life Link

- Pray that our ushers will serve our brethren filled with the Holy Spirit.

VI. Bootcamp

- Pray for a meaningful and blessed bootcamp for youths & YP.

VII. Hope

- In times of uncertainty let us turn to God for hope.