

LESSON 18

What the Bible Actually Does in Your Life

7: The Importance of Scripture

Executive Summary

The Bible is not just a book — it is the inspired Word of God, essential for spiritual growth. Scripture reveals God's character, transforms and renews the mind, nourishes and strengthens the soul, guards against sin, and equips every believer for every good work. To neglect God's Word is to hinder our growth; to treasure it is to flourish.

Key Terms

Inspiration	God's work through human authors so that Scripture communicates His trustworthy and authoritative Word.
Scripture	God's written Word, authoritative and sufficient for knowing Him, understanding salvation, and walking faithfully.
Renewal	The continuing transformation of the believer's thinking as the truth of Scripture replaces false patterns.
Sufficiency	The truth that Scripture provides everything necessary to know salvation and live faithfully before God.

Key Verses

English Standard Version (ESV)

Psalm 19:7-11

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; 8 the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. 11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Romans 12:1-2

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Matthew 4:4

4 But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Psalm 119:11

11 I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Application Questions

1. Choose one verse from this lesson. What does it say the Bible does in a believer's life?

2. Why should the Bible have greater authority in your life than your feelings or the opinions of others?

3. When could you make time to read the Bible each day?

4. What realistic plan can you make to read and obey God's Word this week?
