

**“WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?”**

2 Timothy 3:16,17

Aristotle once said, *“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then is not an act, but it’s a habit.”* For the last several weeks, we’ve discussed habits that develop spiritual growth in our lives. Today, we turn our attention to the habit of studying the Bible and discover five great reasons why the Bible should be studied.

1. Because It Puts Me In Touch With The Greatest Literature On Earth

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

“If you tore the Bible out of English literature, the literature would fall apart!”

2. Because It Provides Me With Perfect Insight About Humanity

*“Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.”*  
Proverbs 30:5

*“As for God, His way is perfect; Every word of God is flawless; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.”* Psalm 18:30

3. Because It Portrays God’s Love For Me

*“Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?”* Matthew 6:26

4. Because It Presents God’s Character To Me

*“No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made Him known.”* John 1:18

Jesus: *“Don't you know Me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father.”* John 14:9a

5. Because It Promises A Successful Life To Me

*“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”* Joshua 1:8

## 6. Because It Produces Change In Me

*“For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12*

*“The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.” Psalm 19:7,8*

How does it happen?

## CONCLUSION

James 1:25

Action Steps.

1. Make the time
2. Be consistent
3. Ask for help

### PRIMARY RESOURCES USED FOR THIS SERMON INCLUDE:

- “Studying Scripture” by Mike Howerton
- “Why Study the Bible?” by Robert Velarde
- “Why Study the Bible?” by Haddon Robinson