

Your Bible Why Not Use It



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Review: Today’s teaching addressed 4 Key questions important for understanding how to use the Bible the way God’s Spirit, the author, intended. The Bible is a compilation of PROGRESSIVE revelation from God, over many centuries. It is a very interesting LIBRARY of different kinds of books and letters. The POINT of the Bible is a full description of God’s PLAN for creation and humanity which is accomplished by God’s special PERSON (or Messiah). Finally, while there are various uses of the Bible, there is a very important PERSONAL use the Lord intends for shaping our lives.

GETTING STARTED

Everyone loves a gift that is truly useful in making the experiences of life more joyful or successful. Is there a gift you’ve been given (perhaps this past Christmas) that is truly useful? What is it? Would you say you value a gift according to its usefulness?

Now, share your reflection on this question: ***What have you found useful about the Bible?*** Another way to ask that is, “How have you *used* the Bible?” Do you think you’ve gotten the full use of it God intended when he placed it in your life?

IN THE WORD

Let’s take some time to explore the USEFULNESS of the Bible in some

of the following passages. What do you hear in these verses that helps you answer the question, “The Bible is useful for _____.”



Deuteronomy 6:4-8 (if followed, what does **6:10-15** say about the usefulness of doing this?)

Joshua 1:7-9 (what is particularly striking about the context of these verses?)

Psalms 119:9-16 (at least 2 “useful” things are noted here. What are they?)

Proverbs 1:1-7 (which of these useful things stands out to you?)

Matthew 7:24-27 (how does one wisely build his house? Which “these words of mine” is Jesus referring to?)

Colossians 3:16-17 (Is there a cause-effect relationship between **vs. 16** and **vs. 17**? What is it?)

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (What are you recalling from the teaching on this passage?)

SUMMARY: Fill in the blank (above) with the most striking “useful” aspect of the Bible ***that you discovered in any of these passages.***

MY LIFE - OUR MISSION

This new teaching series is a “**Did God Make My Day?**” (the 2nd of our 6 life-questions) emphasis. The goal is to help us understand how useful the Scriptures can be, and begin using them more usefully, regularly.

📍 One of the best ways to make the Scriptures USEFUL is to memorize portions of the Word. Which of the 6 passages above might you take time to memorize this week. Choose one and “go for it” (put it on a 4X6 card, recite it out loud at least 5 times a day). You’ll be surprised and refreshed what memorized Scripture does for your closeness to God and your effectiveness for Him.

“Blessings!” Pastor David Staff