

How God Grows Me God Grows Me Through His Word 2 Timothy 3:16-17

The Bible is the most powerful catalyst for spiritual growth

Why Do I Need The Bible?

1. To help me _____
2. To teach me the _____
3. To show me how to _____
4. To give me _____

How Do I Utilize God's Word?

1. Use the Bible to get _____

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge.” (Hosea 4:6)

*“Jesus said to them, “Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God?”
(Mark 12:24)*

Goal: That I will know the _____ of God

How? By _____ it

*“Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures”
(Matthew 21:42)*

2. Use the Bible to gain _____

Seeing life from God's point of view

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:8–9)

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.” (Proverbs 14:12)

Goal: That I will understand the _____ of God

How? By _____ it

“For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the LORD, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.” (Ezra 7:10)

Key Phrase: _____

3. Use the Bible to develop _____

- _____: Something I will discuss or even argue about
- _____: Something I believe so strongly that it shapes my behavior

“But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.” (Hebrews 5:14)

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.” (1 John 4:1)

People who deeply impact the world are people of deep convictions!

Goal: That I will share the _____ of God

How? By _____ upon it

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

(Joshua 1:8)

Mediation: Repeatedly thinking about something

4. Use the Bible to direct my _____

“Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:7)

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” (James 1:22)

Goal: That I will do the _____ of God

How? By putting it into _____

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

(Matthew 7:24–27)

Ultimate Goal: That I will _____ like Christ

“For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.” (Romans 8:29)

- _____ like Jesus lived (Character and Conduct)
- _____ like Jesus loved (Relationships)
- _____ what Jesus left behind (Mission & Purpose)

“The Bible was not given for our information, but for our transformation.” D.L. Moody

My Commitment to God’s Word

Recognizing that the Bible is an essential part of God’s growth plan for my life, by God’s grace I will incorporate God’s Word into my life more powerfully by...