

The Owner's Manual – The Bible

The Book of Books – Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth

Jesus is shown as its grand subject (John 5 v 39)

It is the believer's constitution, our guide on earth preparing us for heaven (II Timothy 3 v 16)

Authored by God as holy men wrote as they were inspired by God's Holy Spirit (John 10 v 35, II Timothy 3 v 16-17, II Peter 1 v 21)

It is free from mistakes, is accurate and infallible (John 20 v 30-31, Psalms 33 v 4, II Timothy 3 v 16)

Its truths never change (Mark 13 v 31, John 20 v 30)

The most valuable, precious and priceless book that contains the blueprint for life and for continued sustenance throughout life (Psalm 32 v 8)

The oldest book helping us know more about God, the Creator

It is relevant to all ages (II John 2 v 12-14)

It transforms lives (Romans 12 v 1-2)

It produces life (John 6 v 63, John 6 v 68, Psalms 119 v 25)

It is spiritual food - For man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord (Matthew 4 v 4)

Jesus is the Bread of Life (John 6 v 35)

Reading the Bible results in spiritual growth (1 Corinthians 3 v 1-2)

Speaking and meditating on the Bible is the secret of good success (Joshua 1 v 8)

It is full of wisdom to keep us in the path marked out for us (I Corinthians 2 v 10; Psalms 48 v 14, Psalms 119 v 19, Proverbs 1 v 23-25, Ps 119 v 97-104)

It tells us of our Saviour's love and His sacrifice on the cross so that we will not be lost (John 3 v 16)

It tells us of the gift of the Holy Spirit, our Counsellor, our constant companion to guide, comfort, strengthen and help us (Judges 3 v 10; Luke 24 v 45, John 14 v 15-16, John 14 v 26, Acts 1 v 5-6, John 20 v 30-31)

It lights the path to our feet to prevent us from stumbling and losing our way (Psalm 119 v 105) and produces light for our lives (II Peter 1 v 19, Psalm 119 v 138)

It gives understanding (Psalm 119 v 138)

It is God's love letter to us revealing his heart and thoughts towards us (John 3 v 16, II Tim 3 v 16-17)

It is alive, it is quick, it is powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart (Colossians 3 v 16, II Timothy 2 v 15, Hebrews 4 v 12-3)

It gives us life (John 6 v 63, Psalms 119 v 25), hope, joy, peace and direction

Oh, how we need to let the word dwell in us richly (Colossians 3 v16, II Timothy 2 v 15)

It gives understanding to the simple (Psalm 119 v 130)

Its doctrines contain solutions to the problems of individuals and nations (Luke 24 v 25-27, Nehemiah 9 v 1-3)

It causes spiritual growth (1 Corinthians 3 v 1-2)

It is seed (Luke 8 v 14)

It is like fire and hammer (Jeremiah 23 v 29)

It is like a sword (Hebrews 4 v 12, Ephesians 6 v 10 -18)

It helps us pray (John 15 v 7)

It is strong in us (Matthew 7 v 24-27)

It reveals what we expect to know from God, the mind of God (John 1 v 1, Jeremiah 29 v 11), the state of man (Romans 3 v 23), the way of salvation (Acts 4 v 12, Romans 3 v 24), the doom of unrepentant sinners (Romans 3 v 23, Rev 20 v 14, John 3 v 36), salvation for sinners (Romans 10 v 13-17, Acts 2 v 14) and happiness for believers (Hebrews 10 v, John 14 v 1-4)

It is designated for our good (Psalms 19 v 7-11)

The Word of God can deliver from distress (Psalm 107 v 6), from fears (Psalm 34 v 4), brings deliverance (Psalm 119 v 170, Psalm 3 v 8)

It will never pass away (Matthew 24 v 35)