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How to Read and Study the Bible

Lesson One (continued): Attributes and Purposes of the Bible

Lesson One Topics

- Topics
- Reflection Questions
- Key Terms
- Overview of the Bible (continued)
- Attributes of the Bible
- Purposes of the Bible

Reflection Questions

- A. What self-help book equals or exceeds the power of the Bible to aid humankind in solving daily problems of living?

- B. Who are some of the self-help gurus who try to convince us that they have the answers to what can change or improve our lives? Should Christians follow them?

Key Terms

Attributes	Doctrine	Purpose(ful)
Authority	Equipped	Reproof
Belief	Holy	Righteousness
Bible	Infallible	Sacred Writings
Church	Inspiration	Scripture
Correction	Practice	Teaching
Discipline	Principles	Training

The Bible

Definition of Bible

The Bible as Scripture

The Bible as Inspired Word

Attributes of the Bible

Inerrant

2 Timothy 1:13-14

1 Timothy 6:20

(**Infallible**/Correct/Accurate/Authentic/Truthful)

Influential

Jeremiah 30:1-2

Jeremiah 36:2-4, 32

Jeremiah 51:60

(**Authoritative**/Commanding/Convincing)

Inclusive

Deuteronomy 4:2

Revelations 22:18-19

(**Complete**/Comprehensive/Finished)

Indispensable**(Purposeful/Essential/Necessary)**

Romans 8:28

Matthew 28:19-20

1 Timothy 2:4

2 Peter 3:9

Instructive**(Holy/Righteous/Revealing/Illuminating)**

2 Timothy 3:15

Leviticus 11:44-45

1 Peter 1:16-17

Check Progress

1. What are attributes?

2. What are the attributes of the Bible?

3. What does it mean to say that the Bible is authoritative? And what does that mean in your life and for your faith?

Purposes of the Bible

Teaching**(Doctrine/Standards/Beliefs)**

God's Word imparts the knowledge we need to live right.

1 Peter 2:2

Romans 12:1

Psalm 19:7

John 5:39

Matthew 28:19-20

Ephesians 1:3

Isaiah 40:25

Reproof

(Admonishes/Cautions/Warns)

God's Word convicts us.

Matthew 7:15

Matthew 24:11, 24

Ephesians 4:14

Deuteronomy 13:1

Correction

(Disciplines/Chastises/Restrains)

God's Word modifies our behavior.

1 Thessalonians 3:8

2 Thessalonians 2:15

Galatians 6:1

John 15:3

1 John 1:9

Training in Righteousness (morality/virtue/uprightness)

God's Word provides us with wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.

Ephesians 6:10-18

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

I Timothy 4:7-8

Ephesians 2:10

Checking Progress

4. What is the overall purpose of the Bible?

5. What are some areas of your life where you feel you need to grow spiritually?
