

# Beginning Steps

A Growth Guide for New Believers



*Spirit & Life World Ministries Church*

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# STUDY YOUR BIBLE



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God wants an intimate, personal relationship with you. You are not just an acquaintance or a distant relative—you are His child. This relationship can be strengthened by studying the Bible—His revelation to you.

Hebrews 4:12 says that God’s Word is living and active. This means the Bible is more than a book, more than words on a page. It is more than words spoken in ancient times. The Bible is relevant; it addresses the needs of today.

1. God’s Word Has Specific Purposes (read 2 Timothy 3:16). “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.”

• God’s Word Is Useful for Teaching. Read these verses and write what they teach us about God. Jeremiah 31:3 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 5:8 \_\_\_\_\_

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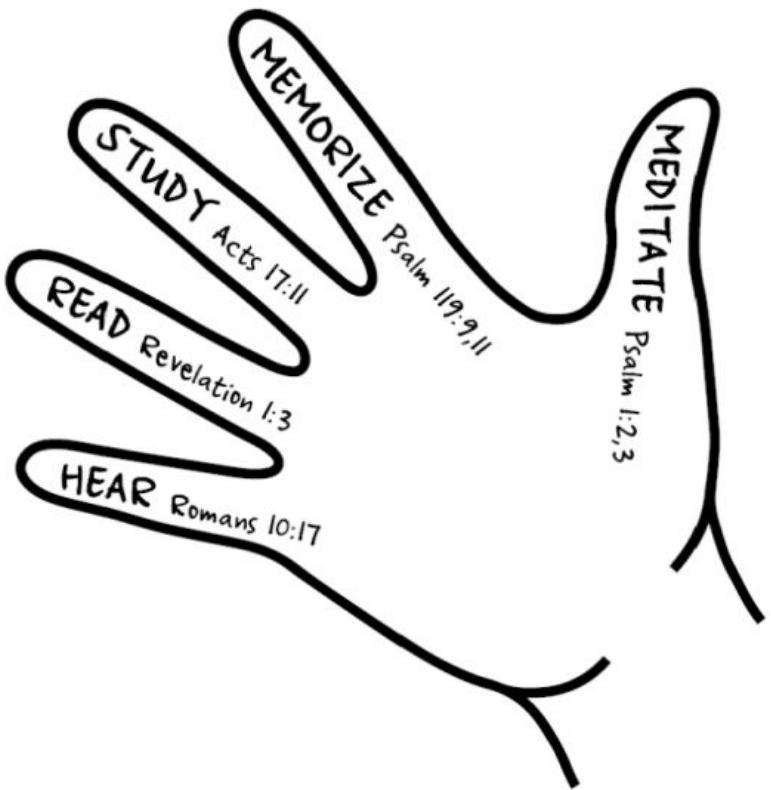
- God's Word Is Useful for Rebuking (to point out a fault) and Convicting of Sin. Read Ephesians 4:26-31 and list some areas where God's Word points out faults in our lives.
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- God's Word is Useful for Correction of Error. Not only does the Bible convict, but it also corrects. Psalm 119 points out the psalmist's experiences with God's Word. This psalm teaches that God's Word gives for living. Verse 9 asks, "How can a young man keep his way pure?" Read Psalm 119:9 and write the answer to this question. \_\_\_\_\_

As God's Word takes root in your heart, your faults and defects will be corrected by the Bible's influence.

- God's Word Is Useful for Training in Righteousness (godly behavior). Bible study is your spiritual food. Just as your physical body benefits from nutrients in the food you eat, your spiritual life benefits from consistent Bible study. Jeremiah 15:16 says, "When your words came, I ate them."

2. There Are Several Methods of Learning God's Word. One of these can be compared to the fingers of your hand. It is easy to lose your grip if you hold something with only one or two fingers. If you hear, read, study, memorize, and meditate on God's Word, your grasp of its truth will become a firm part of your life.



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- Hear—Write Romans 10:17 below. HEAR STUDY
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Listen to your pastor's sermons and to Bible studies. Take notes on what you hear.

- Read—Write 1 Timothy 4:13 below.
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Set a goal to read a certain amount from the Bible each day. For example, read one chapter daily from the Gospel of John.

- Study—Write 2 Timothy 2:15 below.
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When you study, ask the following questions: • What promise is there to claim? • What example is there to follow? • What command is there to obey? • What sin is there to confess and forsake? If you haven't done so already, enroll and faithfully attend your church's Bible study.

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- Memorize—Write Psalm 119:11 below.

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Memorizing Scripture gives you the opportunity to share God's Word and assists you in overcoming sin. Seek to memorize at least one Scripture verse every week.

- Meditate—Write Joshua 1:8 below.

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Meditation is spiritual digestion. It is analyzing and dwelling on a verse over and over. Meditate on a Scripture verse during the day as you drive, rest, walk, jog, or play.

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### REVIEW

List the four purposes of God's Word.

1. God's Word is useful for \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God's Word is useful for \_\_\_\_\_.
3. God's Word is useful for \_\_\_\_\_.
4. God's Word is useful for \_\_\_\_\_.

Using the hand illustration, fill in the five methods of Bible study.

When would be a good time each day for you to spend in Bible study?

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Approach Bible study expectantly. Use the prayer of Psalm 119:18,  
"Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law."

