

THE WORD: Helping all other parts succeed. KMI 2015

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What the Word of God says about itself:

2 Tim 3: 16-17 "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the faith and correcting error, for resetting the direction of a man's life and training him in good living. The scriptures are the comprehensive equipment of the man of God and fit him fully for all branches of his work." (phillips)

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. (esv)

Rom 15:4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (esv)

2Pe 1:19 And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,

2Pe 1:20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.

2Pe 1:21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (esv)

What King David said about the Word of God:

Psa 1:1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

Psa 1:2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Psa 119:47 for I find my delight in your commandments, which I love.

Psa 119:48 I will lift up my hands toward your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on your statutes.

Psa 119:97 Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.

The Faithful and their relationship to Gods Word:

Ezr 7:10 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.

2Ch 27:6 So Jotham became mighty, because he ordered his ways before the LORD his God.

Deu 17:18 "And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests.

Deu 17:19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them,

Deu 6:6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

Deu 6:7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Deu 6:8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

Deu 6:9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deu 11:18 "You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

Josh 1:8 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.

Josh 22:5 Only be very careful to observe the commandment and the law that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to **love the LORD your God**, and to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments and to cling to him and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul."

Jos 23:11 Be very careful, therefore, to **love the LORD your God**.

Psa 119:98 Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me.

Psa 119:99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. [King James]

2Ti 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. (esv)

WHAT DID JESUS SAY ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE?

John 5:39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,

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As a “lamp unto [our] feet and a light unto [our] path (Psalm 119:105), the Word of God is more than simply a set of guidelines or recommendations. It gives us the foundation for how we live, move, and shape every aspect of our lives (see 2 Timothy 3:15-17). The Word Hand Illustration is a simple way to break down five methods of taking in God’s Word.

HEARING

Romans 10:17

Hearing the Word taught by godly pastors and teachers provides fresh insight into the Scriptures to challenge and expand your own understanding, as well as stimulating your own appetite for its truth.

READING

Revelation 1:3

Reading the Bible is often the way that God most directly speaks to us. Many people find it helpful to use a daily reading program or other method that takes a systematic approach to drawing lessons from the Bible.

STUDYING

Acts 17:11

Earnestly studying the Scriptures allows God’s Word to speak directly to our hearts—to correct, encourage, and edify us. Writing down your discoveries will help you organize and remember them.

MEMORIZING

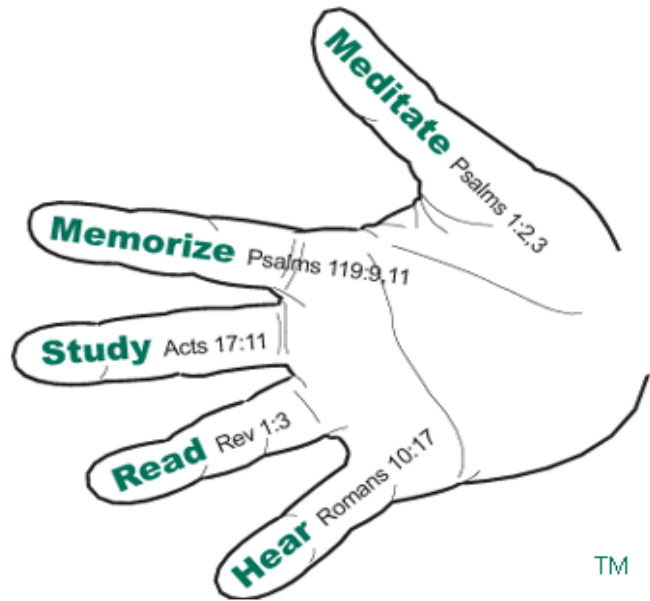
Psalm 119:9, 11

Memorizing God’s Word trains us to use of the Sword of the Spirit when we are faced with temptations and opposition by Satan. By holding passages from the Bible in our minds we are also able to have them readily available for witnessing or in encouraging others with a “word in season” (2 Timothy 4:2).

MEDITATING

Psalm 1:2, 3

Meditation is the thumb of the Word Hand, because when used in conjunction with each of the other methods, the Spirit begins to deeply move in our hearts and speak to our souls. Only as we meditate on God’s Word—thinking of its meaning and application in our lives—will we discover its transforming power at work within us.



Bible: Probability in the Numbers: {Wikipedia: Biblical manuscript}

A **biblical manuscript** is any handwritten copy of a portion of the text of the [Bible](#). The word *Bible* comes from the Greek *biblia* (books); *manuscript* comes from Latin *manu* (hand) and *scriptum* (written). The original manuscript (the original parchment the author physically wrote on) is called the "autographa." Biblical manuscripts vary in size from tiny scrolls containing individual verses of the Jewish scriptures to huge [polyglot codices](#) (multi-lingual books) containing both the Hebrew Bible ([Tanakh](#)) and the [New Testament](#), as well as [extracanonical](#) works.

Parts of the [New Testament](#) have been preserved in more manuscripts than any other ancient work, having over 5,800 complete or fragmented [Greek](#) manuscripts, 10,000 [Latin](#) manuscripts and 9,300 manuscripts in various other ancient languages including [Syriac](#), [Slavic](#), [Gothic](#), [Ethiopic](#), [Coptic](#) and [Armenian](#). The dates of these manuscripts range from c. 125 to the introduction of printing in Germany in the 15th century. The vast majority of these manuscripts date after the 10th century. Although there are more manuscripts that preserve the New Testament than there are for any other ancient writing, the exact form of the text preserved in these later, numerous manuscripts may not be identical to the form of the text as it existed in antiquity. Textual scholar [Bart Ehrman](#) writes: "It is true, of course, that the New Testament is abundantly attested in the manuscripts produced through the ages, but most of these manuscripts are many centuries removed from the originals, and none of them perfectly accurate. They all contain mistakes - altogether many thousands of mistakes. It is not an easy task to reconstruct the original words of the New Testament...."^[2] In reference to the textual evidence for the New Testament, [Bruce M. Metzger](#) wrote,

"In evaluating the significance of these statistics...one should consider, by way of contrast, the number of manuscripts which preserve the text of the ancient classics. Homer's *Iliad*...is preserved by 457 papyri, 2 uncial manuscripts, and 188 minuscule manuscripts... The time between the composition of the books of the New Testament and the earliest extant copies is relatively brief. Instead of the lapse of a millennium or more, as is the case of not a few classical authors, several papyrus manuscripts of portions of the New Testament are extant which were copies, within a century or so, after the composition of the original documents."

Every year, several New Testament manuscripts handwritten in the original Greek format are discovered. The latest substantial find was in 2008, when 47 new manuscripts were discovered in [Albania](#); at least 17 of them unknown to Western scholars.