

HOW THE BIBLE CHANGES LIVES
II TIMOTHY 3:14-17

Introduction

I. What the Bible is For

A. The Central Purpose of the Bible (3:15)

- *John 5:39,40*

B. The Inspiration of the Bible (3:16)

- *John 15:26*
- *I Timothy 5:18; II Peter 3:16*

C. The Uses of the Bible (3:17)

1. Teaching

2. Rebuking

3. Correcting

4. Training in righteousness

D. The Impact of the Bible

- *Ephesians 2:10*

II. How To Study the Bible for Life Change

A. Three Basic Steps of Bible Study

1. Observe

- *Who? What? When? Where? How? Why?*

2. Understand

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3. Apply

- *James 1:22-24*

- Is there any **example** for me to follow?
- Is there any **command** for me to obey?
- Is there any **error** for me to avoid?
- Is there any **sin** for me to forsake?
- Is there any **promise** for me to claim?
- Is there any new thought about **God** Himself?

B. Journeying Together for Bible Study

DAILY BIBLE READINGS
OCTOBER 20-27

Follow-throughs

Remember the three basic steps for personal Bible study: Observe, Understand, Apply. This week let's practice using the six reporter questions (Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?) to make as many observations as possible from the text.

To assist your understanding, look up any words you do not understand. Check the footnotes in a study Bible. Read the verses in another translation.

Let's also use the six Intersarsity application questions to identify possible life applications from the text:

- Is there any **example** for me to follow?
- Is there any **command** for me to obey?
- Is there any **error** for me to avoid?
- Is there any **sin** for me to forsake?
- Is there any **promise** for me to claim?
- Is there any new thought about **God** Himself?

Each day ask the Lord to show you one thing to apply to your own life.

Monday **Colossians 3:1-4**

Tuesday **Colossians 3:5-11**

Wednesday **Colossians 3:12-14**

Thursday **Colossians 3:15-17**

Warm-ups

Friday **John 4:23-25 and 16:1-15**

Each of these are sayings of Jesus is about the Spirit, whom He calls the Spirit of truth. Does this change your idea of the Spirit's work? Is the work of being connected to truth a work that you relate to the Holy Spirit? Why or why not?

Saturday **John 17:15-19 and 2 Corinthians 3:17-18**

Both of these verses talk about sanctification (growing more and more into the image of Christ), but note different instruments that lead us towards this goal. What are those instruments? In what ways do they work together?

Sunday **1 Corinthians 2:1-16**

What is Paul contrasting in these verses? What is the role of the Spirit in relation to the "spiritual truths?"