



## THE BIBLE AND PRAYER

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### THE BIBLE

- The bible forms; formulates a path and process for us to follow on our journey to a successful lifestyle. Because everyone is lost, and not having all of the answers, we all should be on a journey, system of restoration and redemption.

***“Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.”***

***Joshua 1:8 NLT***

- The bible is our realistic, practical directions on discovering the treasures of wisdom to live a fulfilling and complete life. It is not a religious book of laws.

***“Their purpose is to teach people wisdom and discipline, to help them understand the insights of the wise. Their purpose is to teach people to live disciplined and successful lives, to help them do what is right, just, and fair. These proverbs will give insight to the simple, knowledge and discernment to the young.”***

Proverbs 1:2-4 NLT

***“Cry out for insight, and ask for understanding. Search for them as you would for silver; seek them like hidden treasures. Then you will understand what it means to fear the LORD, and you will gain knowledge of God. For the LORD grants wisdom! From His mouth come knowledge and understanding. He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest. He is a shield to those who walk with integrity. He guards the paths of the just and protects those who are faithful to Him.”***

Proverbs 2:3-8 NLT

- Corrects our course when we deviate or detour from our original path/mistakes. (Reconciliation)

***“And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to Himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to Him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to Himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And He gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!” For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.”***

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 NLT

- Modeled correctly, it produces amazing results constantly and consistently regardless of your circumstances. (storms, suffering, suckness/stuckness in life)
- The bible is not subjective, but objective.
  - subjective: taking place within the mind and modified by individual bias
  - objective: undistorted by emotion or personal bias
- The bible gives you a purpose, goal, target to live for. It is truth with substance (rice) that will save you from a destructive life. It gives you Meaning and Cause for your life.
- For the bible to become real and interesting enough for you in "wanting to read it," you first have to acknowledge you're lost and need direction in your life.

## HOW DO I READ AND STUDY THE BIBLE?

- Word by word, verse by verse.
- You don't have to eat everything in the buffet or every sushi in Genki's to enjoy it.
- It's about the experience and the people you're with that makes it awesome!
- Get an accurate interpretation of the bible. Not your opinions. Do your research, study the bible and process with others.
- What is the proper way to study the Bible?  
First, through prayer and humility, we must rely on the Holy Spirit to give us understanding. Second, we should always study Scripture in its context, recognizing that the Bible explains itself. Third, we should respect the efforts of other Christians, past and present, who have also sought to properly study the Bible.  
Remember, God is the author of the Bible, and He wants us to understand it. ~gotquestions.org

## HOW OFTEN SHOULD I READ THE BIBLE?

- Ideally, everyday. Like everything else, the more you practice; the better you get.
- Don't condemn yourself for not reading everyday. It's not a competition or comparison with other people.
- The stories and principles give you substance and power to fight against your human MSU's. It also brings clarity, hope, and peace for your heart and soul. (Righteousness)

## DOES IT MATTER WHAT VERSION I READ?

- The version you choose is more by preference. The NLT (New Living Translation) is written in more everyday language and easier to understand.
- Be aware some versions leave out some parts of the bible depending who translated the text from its original version of Greek and Hebrew.

## WHERE SHOULD I START READING IN THE BIBLE?

- A good book to start with is the book of John. Read a chapter a day and ask God to help and guide you in understanding what you read. How does it apply to your life?
- You can also read the book of Proverbs. There are 31 Proverbs, whatever the date of the day, read the same Proverb. If it is December 6, read Proverbs 6.  
After 30 years of being a Christian, I still read Proverbs today to continue to give me wisdom in my life and the Hee Church.  
Proverbs is also the best business book to read.

***“For wisdom is more profitable than silver, and her wages are better than gold. Wisdom is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. She offers you long life in her right hand, and riches and honor in her left. She will guide you down delightful paths; all her ways are satisfying. Wisdom is a tree of life to those who embrace her; happy are those who hold her tightly.”*** Proverbs 3:14-18 NLT