

The Bible Our Ultimate Guide

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Human Guidance Systems



**Personal
conscience**



**Social
consensus**

Assumption

The Christian worldview is based on two foundational axioms:

1) God exists, and 2) God has spoken to us in the Bible.



¹⁶ All Scripture is [a]inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for [b]rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ so that the man or woman of God may be [c]fully capable, equipped for every good work.

2 Tim 3:16-17 (NASB)

The Bible



66 Books



3 Languages



39/40 Authors



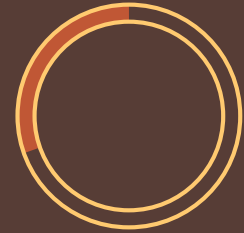
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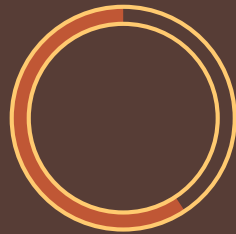
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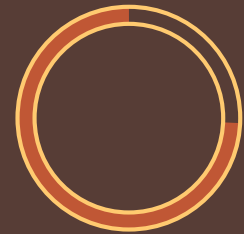
people who
wrestled with
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famous and
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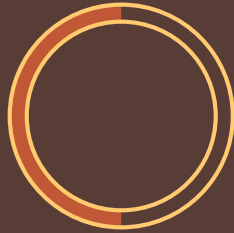


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demons

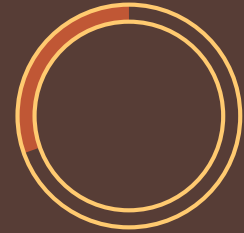


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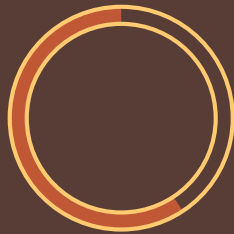
those who
never died



strengths God
gave to some
individuals



discover the
meaning of
their names



battles of the
nations



Why We Study the Scriptures

Know God



Avoid error/false teaching

Respond to God



Teach others God's way

Critical Life's Issues

Relationships/Sexuality/
Gender/Marriage/Family

Life's Origin

Sin/Suffering/Diseases

Religion/Spirituality/Prayer/
Worship

Life's
meaning/purpose

Reality/Environment

Heaven/Hell/End of
the World

Personal development/Self-
actualization

Death/Immortality

Angels/Satan/Demons

Work/Wealth/Poverty

Duties/Morality/Values



The Bible as a Guide



- ❖ we hold the Bible, God's Holy Word, to be our **ultimate guide** for what we **believe** ("faith") and what we **do** ("practice")
- ❖ the Bible **trumps** man's authority, church tradition, and our own opinions.
- ❖ Nothing opposes God's Word in dictating our actions or controlling our thinking
- ❖ we agree with the Reformers' cry of **sola Scriptura**

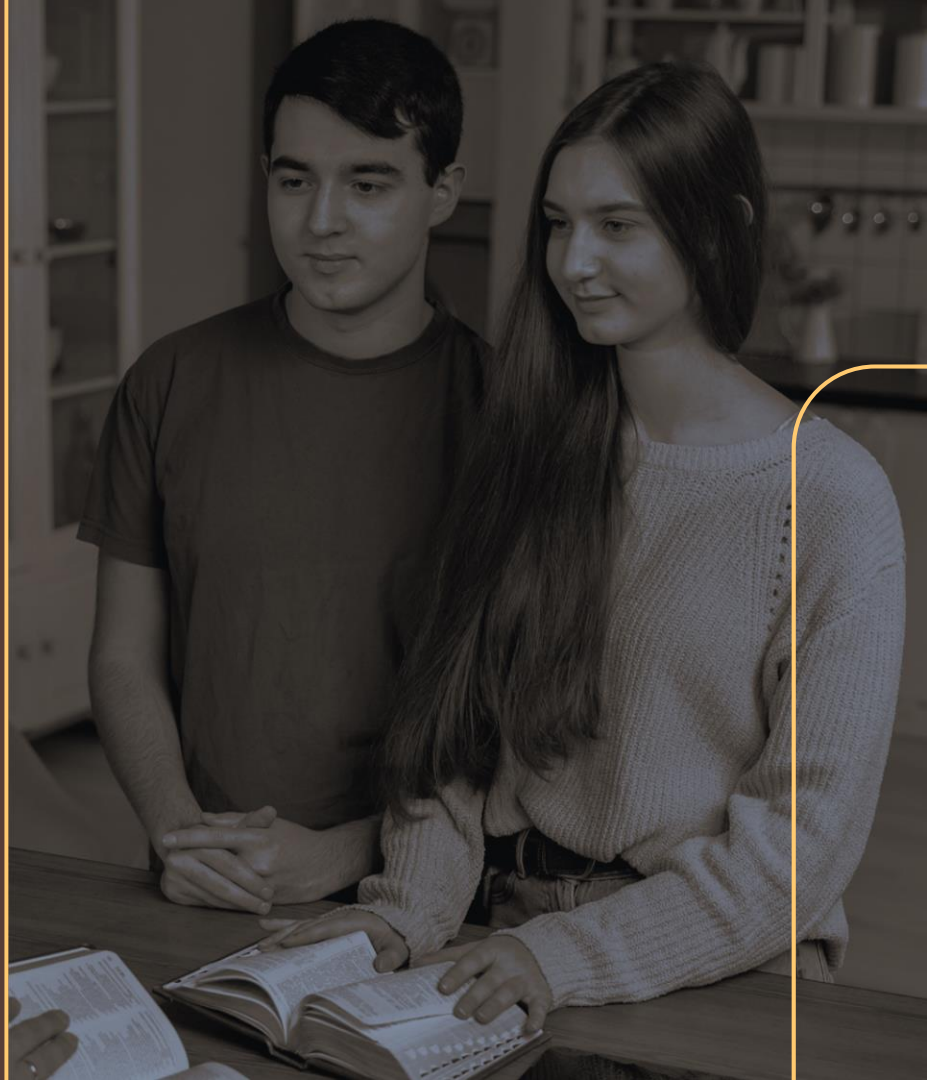
The Bible as a Guide



- ❖ When the Bible clearly reveals a **truth**, we **believe** it with all our hearts
- ❖ When the Bible clearly **commands** us to do something, we make sure we are **doing it**.
- ❖ Since the Bible is our “**only rule for faith**,” we have no choice but to believe that **Jesus is returning someday**
- ❖ Since the Bible is our “**final authority for practice**,” we are bound to **abstain** from immorality (as defined by the Bible)

Attributes of Scripture

- ❖ **Power**
- ❖ **Authority**
- ❖ **Necessity**
- ❖ **Sufficiency**
- ❖ **Clarity**



**How
the
Bible
Guides**

- ❖ **Moral reflections**
- ❖ **Analogies**
- ❖ **Blessings and curses**
- ❖ **Wisdom**
- ❖ **Commands**



**How
the
Bible
Guides**

- ❖ **Moral examples**
- ❖ **Accepted moral Character**
- ❖ **Obligations**
- ❖ **Moral stories**



Following Biblical Principles

**Answers to
life's critical
questions**

**Get along with
your neighbors**

**Address
injustices**

**Tap into God's
power**

**Hope for your
emptiness**

Abundant living



Basic
Instructions
Before
Leaving
Earth





Believers'
Instructions
Before
Leaving
Earth





Basic
Inspiration
By
Living
Examples





Behold

I am

Becoming flesh to

Love & live among u

Eternally



Practical Tips

Start with prayer



Read the entire section/passage

Look for themes



Watch for key words

Note your observations



Zoom in

Practical Tips

**Memorize the
word/rewrite**



Meditate

**Look for life
application principles**



**Be a doer of the
word**




**“Forever, LORD,
Your word stands
in heaven.”**

Psa 119: 89 (NASB)

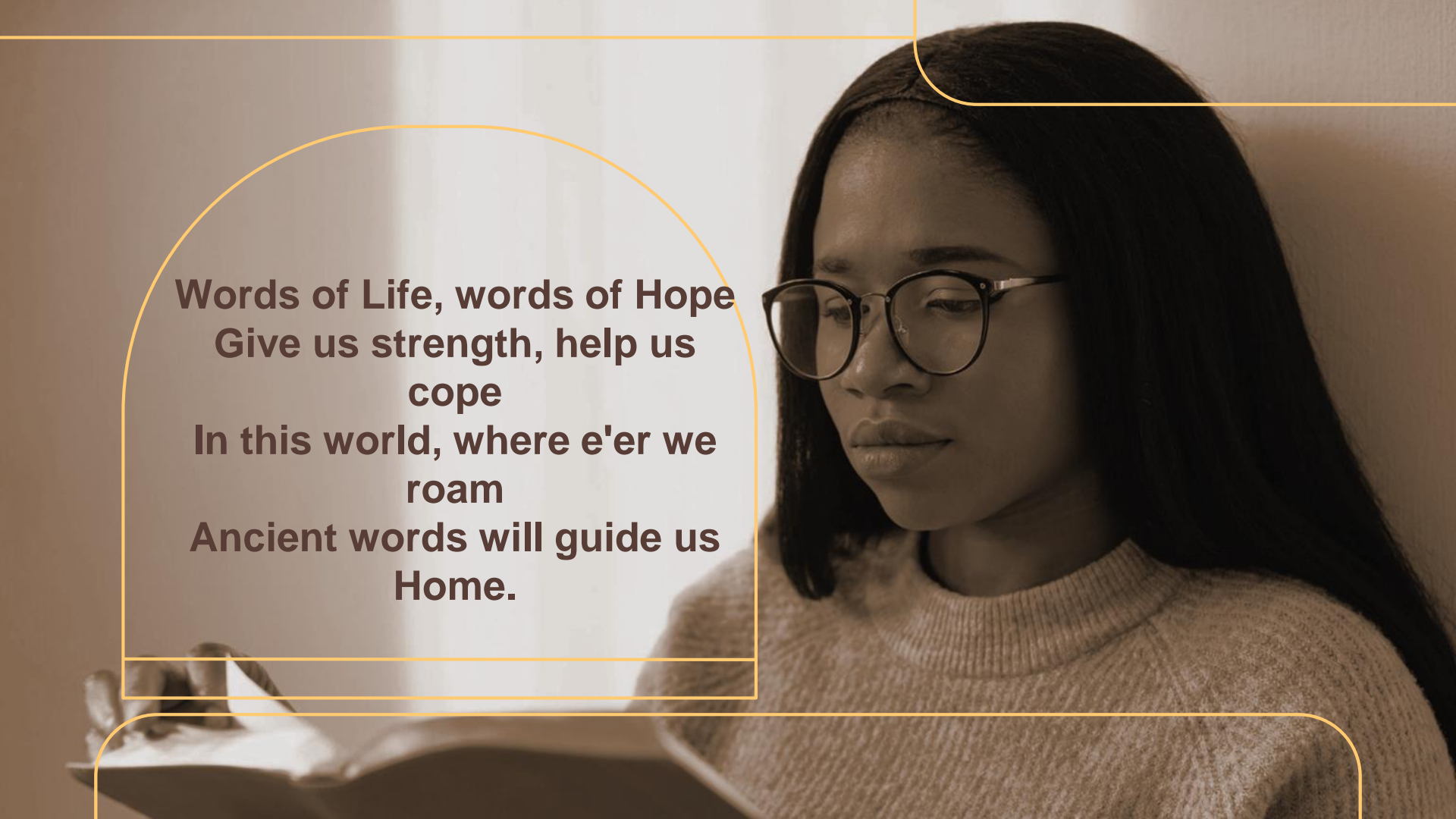


**“The Law of
the LORD is [a]perfect, restoring
the soul;
The testimony of
the LORD is sure, making wise
the simple.”**


Psa 19: 7 (NASB)



**Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's
own heart
Oh, let the Ancient words
impart.**



**Words of Life, words of Hope
Give us strength, help us
cope
In this world, where e'er we
roam
Ancient words will guide us
Home.**



**Martyr's blood stains each
page,
they have died for this faith;
Hear them cry through the
years;
Heed these words and hold
them dear.**

Reflections

1. How can we use the Bible to enrich our lives today?

2. How do (a) American culture and (b) young adults subculture enhance or inhibit our application of the Bible?