



THINK INSIDE  
The Book  
BIBLE STUDY

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Chapter 1, Assignment 1

Do you find yourself like the description in our book? Do you feel like you're wearing a blindfold and you're just listening for any voice to guide you here and there?

That's exactly what you're doing if you aren't getting your direction straight from the Word of God.

God always speaks the truth. So, The Bible, His Holy Word, is our source of truth.

As you get familiar with it and its teachings, you will be able to pick up on which voices speak truth and which ones lie.

Jeremiah 17:9 tells us that **“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?”**

So, our feelings aren't even solid ground to stand on. No matter how we feel about a certain topic, we need to heed what the Bible says about it.

After all, we are just men. We are only human. One of our verses today was Proverbs 14:12 and it says **“There is a way which SEEMETH right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”**

Just because a way seems right, you still need to try it with the scriptures.

1 Thess 5:21-22 lays the perfect guide for us **“Prove ALL things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil.”**

3 action verbs here... you know i love my action verbs!

Paul gave some great advice right here under the power of the Holy Spirit. We are to PROVE, to try or test ALL THINGS and the ones that come out right,

we are to HOLD FAST, or hold on to them and continue to believe and do them always. God, The Bible, they don't change!

The things that come out wrong, we are to ABSTAIN, or stay away from them. And did you catch the end of that verse.... “appearance of evil”.

The thing itself might not be bad. But, is the appearance of you doing, if someone else where to see you doing it, is it going to seem bad? Could it possibly hurt your testimony?

I heard this saying a while back, Be someones exception, not their excuse!

## Chapter 1, Assignment 2

The Bible isn't just a collection of random stories.

2 Tim 3:16 says that **ALL scripture is given by inspiration of God.**

This entire book is God breathed. The words of every page, coming from God.

God had the power to create the entire universe and everything in it. He had the power to do every miracle recorded in the Bible. He made Adam from dust. He flooded the entire earth. He parted the Red Sea. He caused the sun to stand still. He made the lame to walk and the blind to see. He even saved an old sinner like me.

Don't you think he had the power to write a book? A perfect book...

You may find this hard to believe or maybe not as big a deal as I do, but I'm going to tell you anyway!

A cross reference in my Bible from 2 Peter 2:21 is 2 Sam 23:2!!!!!!!

That's where we start our reading today if you are doing my Bible reading plan!

It says **"The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his word was in my tongue, the God of Israel said,"**

God used David's mouth to speak. We see that over and over in the old testament. God used men. Just like in the new testament. He used men. God uses people. He doesn't make you do anything. Just like our book said this morning, he doesn't yell or scream at you. You have to be ready to hear. You have to be actively listening.

We see people like David, "a man after God's own heart" have a relationship with God. We all want a relationship with God... So, the question is how?

Well, how do you have a relationship with your best friend? Even through quarantine...

Generally it's through back and forth conversation. You say something, she says something. Right now, you can't physically see each other and you probably haven't been hanging out. So you have to communicate. Either through phone calls, face time, or text message.

It's the same with God. We have to have two way communication. God speaks to us through His Word and we speak to Him through prayer.

## Chapter 1, Assignment 3

Think about it this way. As a mother, what do you expect your children to do when you speak? To stop what they are doing. To listen. To obey.

Why would God expect anything different? He created us. He formed us. He knows every single thing about us down to the number of hairs on our head.

Isaiah 43:7 says “Even every one that is called by my name: for **I have created him for my glory**, I have **formed** him; yea, I have **made** him,”

God made you from nothing.  
He shaped you.  
He planned you.  
He brought you into existence.

Why?  
For His glory!

**“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”**  
**1 Cor 10:31**

**“And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”**  
**Col 3:17**

**“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;**  
**Col 3:23**

**“With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:”**  
**Eph 6:7**

You want to know your purpose?

Glorify God! In every single thing. Those verses I just read to you include it all. When your eating or drinking, talking or doing... Our words and actions should always bring glory to Him.

As the one who formed us, who brought us into existence, he has a right to expect us to read it and heed it. To listen and to obey it.

## Chapter 1, Assignment 4

**In John 18:37 Pilate asked Jesus** “Art thou a king then?” And Jesus answered “Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.”

Pilate heard the truth spoken right from the mouth of Jesus. But, he rejected it. How many times have you heard the truth (read your Bible) and rejected it (not heeding it and obeying it)? Do you agree with Christ but have no intention of obeying?

What a tragedy, the creator of the universe. The one person who knows all and can fix all... Speaks to us! And we don't care to listen!

If you find that's you, you can fix it. You don't have to go on in the same rut!

But, let me tell you where that rut leads...

**Zach 7:11-13** tells us that if you don't listen, if you pull away from God continuously, you will cause your heart to harden. Every time you ignore or refuse to God's Word, you harden your heart a little more.

We know from the parable of the sower in **Mark 4**, that there are different ways that people receive the Word of God... I encourage you to prayerfully read this passage and decided what type of soil you are... check your fruit!

**2 Chron 7:14 says** “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

1. Humble yourself
2. Pray
3. Seek His face
4. Turn from your wicked ways

True repentance changes you.

We have got to be sensitive and submissive to God's Word!

## Chapter 1, Assignment 5

We know the world is constantly trying to discredit the Bible. But, that shouldn't play a role in what we think. We know that friendship with the world is enmity with God. (Jas 4:4)

**In Joshua 24:15**, God used Joshua's mouth to give this command... "**Choose you this day whom ye will serve**". Serve the little g gods that your fathers served in Egypt and the gods of the people you dwell with. Or serve the big G God, the Lord. and then heres the famous verse that we all probably have hanging in our homes... "but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord".

And the people go on to say God forbid that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods; and then they start listing all of the ways God has cared for and preserved them.

Maybe it's time that we sit down and choose this day whom we will serve. Draw our line in the sand and be mindful of it and determine to never cross it!

God expects his people to live morally upright lives. In **Psalms 15** he gives us 10 ways to gauge how we are going at it...

1. Walks uprightly
2. Works righteousness
3. Speaks the truth in his heart
4. He that backbiteth (slanders, speaks evil of) not with his tongue
  - a. One thing that gives a Christian away these days, is the way they talk. It can be so different from the way the world talks. Does your talk identify you as a Christian?
5. Nor doeth evil to his neighbor
6. Nor taketh up reproach against his neighbor
7. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned (despised)
8. He honored them that fear the Lord
9. He that sweareth to his own hurt but changeth not
10. He that putteth not out his money to usury (charging interest) nor taketh reward against the innocent.

He that doeth these things shall never be moved!