

“By Then You Should Know...”

*Attaining Spiritual Maturity - Lesson #6
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Scripture: 2 Timothy 3.16-17

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.”¹

Discussion Questions:

1. What don't people study the Bible?
2. Why should people study the Bible?

Man's Thoughts on Bible Study

“I have found that my spiritual growth is directly proportionate to the amount of time and effort I put into the study of Scripture.”

—John MacArthur

“If we understood what happens when we use the Word of God, we would use it oftener.”

—Oswald Chambers

¹ *The Holy Bible: English standard version*. 2001 (2 Tim. 3.16-17). Wheaton: Standard Bible Society.

Reasons to Study the Bible:

1. To Teach Yourself

- a. "The truth shall set you free." (John 8.32)
- b. John 17.17
- c. You need a guide. (Psalm 119.105)

2. To Teach Others

- a. Hebrews 5.11-14
- b. 2 Timothy 2.2

3. To Answer Questions

- a. "...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always prepared..." (1 Peter 3.15)
- b. Acts 8.34, 35

Would It Make a Difference?

The well-known social critic Dennis Prager, debating the Oxford atheistic philosopher Jonathan Glover, raised this thorny question: "

If you, Professor Glover, were stranded at the midnight hour in a desolate Los Angeles street, and if, as you stepped out of your car with fear and trembling, you were suddenly to hear the weight of pounding footsteps behind you, and you saw ten burly young men who had just stepped out of a dwelling coming toward you, would it or would it not make a difference to you to know they were coming from a Bible study?"

(Morgan, R. J. (2000). Nelson's complete book of stories, illustrations, and quotes (electronic ed.) (55). Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers.)