

## V. IS READING GOD'S WORD IMPORTANT?

The Challenge!!

I CHALLENGE EVERY PERSON HERE TO READ THE BIBLE  
THROUGH

QUESTION==How many have ever read the entire Bible through??????

I. Why is it so important to Read God's Word?

A. God's word is the most important piece of literature ever written! Matthew 24:35;  
Mark 13:31; Luke 21 :33; Isaiah 40:8; 1 Peter 1:23-25; Psalm 119:89, 160;  
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B. God magnifies His word above His name! Psalm 138:2;

i. How important is His name? Exodus 20:7 "Thou shalt not take the name of the  
LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh  
His name in vain." (Deuteronomy 5:11;)  
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C. God's word brings people to Jesus as Saviour! Ephesians 1:13;

i. 1 Peter 1:23 "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by  
the word of God which liveth and abideth for ever." Romans 1: 16; "For I am  
not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto Salvation  
to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."  
(1 Corinthians 15:1-4;)  
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D. God's word brings blessing on those who read, hear, and obey it

i. Revelation 1:3; Jeremiah 15:16; "Thy words were found, and I did eat them;  
and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called  
by thy name, O LORD God of hosts." Luke 11:28; "But He said, 'Yea rather,  
blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.'" James 1 :22-25;  
ii. It strengthens one's faith. Romans 10:17;  
iii. It makes the believer holy (sanctify). John 17:17;  
a) Dr. Solomon-man with obscene thoughts;  
b) Woman washing clothes.  
iv. It makes the food holy. 1 Timothy 4:4-5;  
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E. Reading and Studying God's word is an act of obedience! 2 Timothy 2:15;  
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F. Reading and meditating on God's word is profitable, will make one successful and wise! 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Joshua 1:7-8; Proverbs 2:6; Colossians 3:6a; "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom;" Psalm 119:97;  
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G. Reading God's word will feed you spiritually and help you grow!  
i. It is milk for the new Christian! 1 Peter 2:2-3; Hebrews 5:12-13; 1 Corinthians 3:1-4;  
ii. It is meat for the mature in Christ! 1 Corinthians 3:2; 10:3-4; Hebrews 5:12-14;  
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H. Reading God's word and obeying it will give you a weapon to use against sin and Satan! Ephesians 6:17; II Corinthians 10:3-4; Hebrews 4:12; Jesus illustrated this in Matthew 4:4, 7, 10; Luke 4:4, 8, 12;  
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I. Reading God's word, obeying it and memorizing it will keep you from sin! Psalm 119:9-11; "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Deuteronomy 6:6; 11:18; Job 22:22; Proverbs 3:3-4;  
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J. God's Word is Powerful! Hebrews 11:3; 1:3; 4:12; Jeremiah 23:29; (Colossians 1:17-Jesus is the Living Word-John 1:1-3, 14, 17; Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:16;)  
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K. Reading God's written word will set you free: John 8:32; 17:17; 8:36; and teach you about the Living Word John 14:6; 5:39; who delivers FROM SIN-Romans 6:1-23; v. 18,22; (Past=Romans . 6:17a; 6:23a; [Ephesians 2:1, 5a;] Revelation 20:14-15; 21:8;) (Present [*over the power sin*]-Romans 6:2, 4-6, 9-14, 16-18, 22; 8:2;) (Future [*over the presence of sin*] Romans 8:16-23; 1 Corinthians 15:52-57; 1 John 3:1-5; Revelation 21:4, 7, 27;)

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