

The Necessity of Scripture

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The necessity of Scripture means that the Bible is necessary for knowing the gospel, for maintaining spiritual life, and for knowing God's will, but is not necessary for knowing that God exists or for knowing something about God's character and moral laws. (Wayne Grudem)

Understanding the necessity of the Bible ...

- 1) Familiarize yourself with it (4, 7, 10)
 - a. Jesus was able to quote scripture to the Devil because He knew it well.
 - b. We need to know the Bible well so that we can better understand the Gospel, know God's will and maintain a strong spiritual life.
 - i. Read the Bible in different translations.
 1. Word-for-Word Translations – King James Version, New King James Version, English Standard Version, New American Standard Bible.
 2. Thought-for-Thought Translations – New International Version, New Living Translation.
- 2) Fight against temptation (4, 7, 10)
 - a. Jesus answered the Devil three times with a verse.
 - b. We need to fight temptation with memorized scripture.
- 3) Feed on it daily (4)
 - a. Jesus said that "Man cannot live on bread alone..." We need the Word of God just as strongly as we need food.
 - b. Just as we would eat food every day, and often – we need to feed on God's word daily and often.

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Use them for personal or family devotions to further dig into God's word. The following questions are taken from Wayne Grudem's Systematic Theology:

1. When you are witnessing to an unbeliever, what is the one thing above all others that you should want him or her to read? Do you know of anyone who ever became a Christian without either reading the Bible or hearing someone tell him or her what the Bible said? What then is the primary task of an evangelistic missionary? How should the necessity of Scripture affect our missionary orientation?
2. Do you nourish your soul on the spiritual food of the Word as carefully and diligently as you nourish your body on physical food? What makes us so spiritually insensitive that we feel physical hunger much more acutely than spiritual hunger? What is the remedy?
3. When we are actively seeking to know God's will, where should we spend most of our time and effort? In practice, where do you spend most of your time and effort when seeking to find God's will? Do God's principles in Scripture and the apparent guidance we receive from feelings, conscience, advice, circumstances, human reasoning, or society ever seem to conflict? How should we seek to resolve the conflict?

Proven resources that can better help you to memorize verses:

Fighter Verses – (www.fighterverses.com) They have helpful scripture memory songs, Android apps, iPhone apps, and free resources to help you memorize the Bible. This site offers a 5 year plan and covers 520 passages. Helpful for both children and adults.

Navigator's Topical Memory System – (www.navpress.com) This is the classic memory system that has been used by thousands of Christians throughout the world.

Scripture Rock – Great songs for children that will teach them helpful verses through catchy music. Look for online at Amazon or call Lifeway to order, 2011.