

EVERYTHING BY THE BOOK
Selected Scriptures

“Men cannot make Scripture conform to their lifestyle; they must make their lifestyle conform to Scripture.”

Edwin Lewis Cole

How can we truly make scripture relevant to life?

Pay attention to it (2 Peter 1:12-21; Hebrews 5:12)

Peter is giving his people his **final challenges**;
every word counts!

The authors of scripture were **singers**, not **composers**.

Scripture is not human opinion; **it is God-inspired**.

Remain faithful to it (2 Timothy 3:14-17; Hebrews 5:12)

It isn't enough to have **a great start**.
You've got to stay faithful.

Scripture makes you wise for salvation: for saving and growing.

The challenge given to Timothy is to listen to scripture's message; not just to speak them.

Listen to it and do it (James 1:19-25)

A window looks out at others; a mirror looks back at yourself.

The purpose of the mirror is to affirm and correct.

Integrate it into everything (Deuteronomy 6:6-8)

Professing without possessing will always be catastrophic.

A new way of thinking – God is in every moment of life.

The Blessing of God's Word – Psalm 119

These verses are a sampling of the blessing of prioritizing God's word in your life. Read a section or two each day this week and meditate on its meaning for you.

PSALM 119 (NIV)

⁹ How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.

¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. ¹² Praise be to you, LORD; teach me your decrees.

²⁸ My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word. ²⁹ Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me and teach me your law.

³³ Teach me, LORD, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end. ³⁴ Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart.

⁵⁹ I have considered my ways and have turned my steps to your statutes. ⁶⁰ I will hasten and not delay to obey your commands.

⁸¹ My soul faints with longing for your salvation, but I have put my hope in your word.

⁹² If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. ⁹³ I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life.

⁹⁷ Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. ⁹⁹ I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes. ¹⁰⁰ I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts.

¹¹¹ Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹³ I hate double-minded people, but I love your law.

¹²⁹ Your statutes are wonderful; therefore I obey them. ¹³⁰ The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

¹⁵² Long ago I learned from your statutes that you established them to last forever.