

## 9 Reasons Why You Need to Read God's Word Every Day

*Deut 17:19-20* – Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from *the one* before the priests, the Levites. <sup>19</sup> "And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, <sup>20</sup> "that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment *to* the right hand or *to* the left, and that he may prolong *his* days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.

1. **To Learn to \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord**
2. **To Learn to Be Careful to \_\_\_\_\_ What God Has Said**
3. **To Gain a Proper, \_\_\_\_\_ View of Yourself**
4. **To Prevent Us from \_\_\_\_\_ God**

*2 Kings 22:10-11* – Then Shaphan the scribe showed the king, saying, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read it before the king. <sup>11</sup> Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, that he tore his clothes.

5. **To Become \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Holiness and Sin's Repulsiveness**

*Matt 12:5* – Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?

6. **To Know How to \_\_\_\_\_ Rightly**

*Matt 19:4* – And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning 'made them male and female,'

7. **To Know How to \_\_\_\_\_ Correctly**

*Hebrews 4:12* – For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

8. **To Accurately \_\_\_\_\_ the Thoughts and Intents of Our Heart**

*Rev 1:3* – Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time *is* near.

9. **To Be \_\_\_\_\_ by God**

## A Year's Priceless Practice

Time moves forward as it always does. The end of a year causes many of us to reflect on life, on accomplishments, on lost opportunities, about what is important, and what moments are left. The end of a year presses us to consider what is most important in life.

Of all the practices and disciplines that a follower of Jesus can focus their attention on and give their time and effort to, there is none so helpful and powerful as reading the Bible every day. Even more powerful is the practice of reading through the entire Bible every year.

What are the benefits of reading through the Bible every year? There are several benefits that have deep, lasting value for every believer. Reading through the Bible every year...

1. ... \_\_\_\_\_ the reader to every truth that God has revealed through His Word.
2. ... helps the reader to see God in His \_\_\_\_\_, not just with the characteristics we enjoy the most.
3. ... allows the reader to be impacted by the \_\_\_\_\_ diet of God's complete Word as He intended.

Truly the only way we will come face to face with all that God has revealed is to read through the Bible. We will not live long enough to hear enough sermons or participate in studies of all 66 books. We need to read the Word to get all the Word. There is no other way.

Reading through the Word of God every year keeps us continuously face-to-face with all that God, motivated and refreshed by the complete inspired revelation given to us by the Holy Spirit. Whatever your format – print, digital, or audio – commit with me to

reading through the Bible this year, and every year, and experience the deep, lasting value of God's complete truth. – *Pastor Kevin*

