

Navigating The New Year Consult The Owner's Manual 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Who or what helps you to navigate life?

Why Do I Need The Bible?

1. To help me _____
2. To teach me the _____
3. To show me how to _____
4. To give me _____

How Do I Utilize “The Owner’s Manual”?

1. Use the Bible to get

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge.” (Hosea 4:6)

“Jesus said to them, “Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God?”

(Mark 12:24)

Goal: That I will know the _____ of God

How? By _____ it

“Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures” (Matthew 21:42)

2. Use the Bible to gain

Seeing life from God’s point of view

See Isaiah 55:8-9

“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.”

(Proverbs 14:12)

Goal: That I will understand the _____ of God

How? By _____ it

“For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the LORD, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.” (Ezra 7:10)

2 Vital Aids to Studying the Bible:

- _____ it down
- _____ it over

3. Use the Bible to develop

- _____: Something I will discuss or even argue about
- _____: Something I believe so strongly that it shapes my behavior

“But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.” (Hebrews 5:14)

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.” (1 John 4:1)

People who deeply impact the world are people of deep convictions!

Goal: That I will share the _____ of God

How? By _____ upon it

See Joshua 1:8

Mediation: Repeatedly thinking about something

4. Use the Bible to direct my

See Joshua 1:7

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” (James 1:22)

Goal: That I will do the _____ of God

How? By putting it into _____

See Matthew 7:24-27

Ultimate Goal: That I will _____ like Christ

See Romans 8:29

- _____ like Jesus lived (Character and Conduct)
- _____ like Jesus loved (Relationships)
- _____ what Jesus left behind (Mission & Purpose)

“The Bible was not given for our information, but for our transformation.”
D.L. Moody

My Commitment to God’s Word

Recognizing that the Bible is an essential tool that God wants to use to help me navigate life, by God’s grace I will incorporate God’s Word into my life more powerfully by:

- Reading through the New Testament this year
- Regularly reading, reflecting and writing down what God is teaching me through the Bible
- Participating in a Bible Study group
- Committing to put into practice whatever God commands through interaction with the Bible
- Other: _____