

**RESPONSIBLE FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH  
PART 2: GETTING THE MOST FROM GOD'S WORD**

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Take the time and trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit." I Timothy 4:7 (Ph)

**GNG VALUE NO.3**

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***We believe that \_\_\_\_\_ are committed to growing in Christlikeness. We further believe that the Bible is the \_\_\_\_\_ Word of God and is the basis for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.***

**WHY WE STUDY GOD'S WORD...**

"Every year His parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. When He was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. After the Feast was over, while His parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking He was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for Him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find Him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for Him." Luke 2:41-45 (NIV)

"Three days later they finally discovered Him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. All who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers." Luke 2:46-47 (NLT)

"When His parents saw Him, they were astonished. His mother said to Him, 'Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you' ... "And He said to them, 'Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?' " ... "But they didn't understand what He meant." Luke 2:48-50 (NIV/NJV/NLT)

**1. TO KNOW THE \_\_\_\_\_**

"The tempter came to Him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.' Jesus answered, 'It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' " Matthew 4:3-4 (NIV)

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:32 (NIV)

**2. TO AVOID \_\_\_\_\_.**

"Then the devil took Him to the holy city and had Him stand on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written:

" 'He will command His angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "  
Matthew 4:5-7(NIV)

"For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. They will reject the truth and chase after myths."

II Timothy 4:3-4 (NLT)

**3. TO FOCUS ON \_\_\_\_\_**

"Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away from me Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.' Then the devil left Him...." Matthew 4:8-11 (NIV)

"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope."  
Romans 15:4 (NIV)

**4. TO BE \_\_\_\_\_**

"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect."

Romans 12:2 (NLT)

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things."  
Philippians 4:8 (NIV)

- **The purpose of Bible study is \_\_\_\_\_, not**

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