

The Bible is Our Roadmap

Have you ever gotten lost? Back in the day before there was GPS, if you were going on a trip, you had to have a map so that if you made a wrong turn or just weren't sure which way to go, the map could direct you.



Our loving Father gave us the best roadmap: The Bible. The Bible gives us so much guidance about what we are to do, where we are to go, and what we are to believe. The Bible also tells us about God's design and plan for our lives, our relationship with Him, and others in this world. And while maps can get outdated as roads are built and things change in our world, the Bible never gets outdated or irrelevant. It was inspired by God for instruction in our lives.

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So what does the Bible have to say about our lives today?

The Bible guides us in our daily life.

"As His divine power has given to us *all things that pertain to life and godliness*, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises." - 2 Peter 1:3-4a

Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path (Psalm 119:105 NKJV)

The Bible gives wisdom in all areas of life including:

- Children (Proverbs 22:6, Ephesians 6:1-4)
- Marriage (Genesis 1:27-28, Ephesians 4:2-3, Ephesians 5:25)
- Business (Deuteronomy 25:14-16, Leviticus 19:13)
- Money (Proverbs 13:11, 12:22, 20:10)
- Relationships (Ephesians 4:2, 4:26, James 1:19, Proverbs 17:27)
- Sexuality (Proverbs 5:18-12, Song of Solomon 7:10-12, Matthew 19:4-5)
- Purity (1 Thessalonians 4:3, 1 Corinthians 6:18)

The Bible answers some of our toughest questions:

- Sickness (Matthew 9:35, James 5:14-15, Psalm 41:3, Isaiah 53:5, 3 John 1:1-2, James 5:14-15)
- Suffering (Isaiah 43:2, James 1:12, Job, Psalm 34:19, Romans 5:3-4)
- Death (Revelation 21:4, 1 Thessalonians 4:14, Ecclesiastes 12:7, Hebrews 9:27, 1 Corinthians 15:26)
- War (Psalm 55:21, Matthew 26:52, James 4:1-3, Psalm 46:9, Isaiah 2:4, Micah 4:3)
- Homosexuality (Leviticus 18:22, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)
- The future (Matthew 24, 1 Thessalonians 5, 1 Timothy 4:1-5, Revelation)

The Bible answers our biggest questions about the Spiritual realm:

- How we can fight the power of darkness (Ephesians 6:10-20, Romans 12:21,)
- Where we can find justice and protection from evil (2 Thessalonians 3:3, Psalm 91:9-10, Psalm 91:14-16, Psalm 118:6-7)

- Shows us how God saves us from sin, darkness, evil (Colossians 1:13–14, Romans 6:8-11)
- Teaches us how God saves us by grace (Acts 4:12, Romans 10:10, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 5:10)

The Bible also gives us a clear understanding of how we can have relationship with God:

- Renewing our soul (Isaiah 40:30-31, Matthew 11:29, Jeremiah 31:25, 2 Corinthians 4:16)
- Faith (Romans 10:17, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Hebrews 11:1-6, Matthew 21:21, James 1:5)
- Prayer (Ephesians 6:18, 1 John 14:15, Matthew 6:9-13, James 1:5-8, Philippians 4:6, Mark 11:23-24, Hebrews 11:6, Proverbs 3:5-6, 2 Timothy 4:7)
- Knowing the Love of God (1 John 4:7-11, Romans 8:37-39, Romans 5:8, Isaiah 54:10, Galatians 2:20, Zephaniah 3:17, 1 John 3:1)
- Knowing the will of God for our life (Jeremiah 29:11, Psalm 119:105, Proverbs 3:5-6, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
- Changing the way we think and live (Romans 12:1-2, Philippians 2:5, 2 Corinthians 5:17)

Do you remember how we said at the beginning that the Bible is like a road map? One of the secrets to not getting lost on a trip is referring to your map often, so you can make sure we are staying on the right route. Some people feel the Bible confusing, so they don't look at it very often. It is kind of like if you were to pull a road map out and try to look at it and read it and get confused because you weren't sure where you were at or where you were trying to go was, or the best way to get there, so then you decide just to not look at the map and try and figure it out. The map is there, but it only really helps us if we pull it out and look at it. Like that map, the Bible is there to guide us. But it only really helps us if we look at it often. The good news is, God promises we don't just have the map. We have the Holy Spirit, who wrote the map with us. If we are confused, we can ask Him to show us and make it clear to us. We also can learn some skills to help us learn how to read our roadmap, the Bible, more clearly.

Let us go back to our starting place for today. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Because we know the scripture comes from God, we know that it is true, and we can trust it, and let it teach us, rebuke us, correct us and train us so we can do what God has called us to do.

Discuss: Where do you get guidance in life? How has the Bible been helpful or impactful in your life?