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Ever wished that life came with an instruction manual?

Something that clearly explained the meaning of life, why we are here, what's most important and how to navigate life's challenges; something that gives clear answers to life's questions, and somehow speaks truth into our current situation.

Wouldn't that be great.

Good news. Your search is over.

May I present the highest selling book of all time:

The Bible.

Part history, part adventure, part wisdom. . . all truth.

2 testaments, 66 Books, 1189 chapters and 773,692 words, written over a span of almost 1500 years (1450 B.C. to 100 A.D) by over 40 authors spread over 40 generations from settings as varied as open fields, dank dungeons and opulent palace halls. It describes the heights of joy and the depths of despair, the benefits of wisdom and the consequence of sin, the way to God and the purpose of mankind.

It has been a light to billions, an inspiration for countless songs and the basis of sermons. It's presently translated into over 1200 languages and counting, is agelessly applicable and forever relevant. It has been printed, pressed, quoted, cherished, mocked, ripped, burnt and banned . . . and yet somehow has successfully made its way into your hands.

The Old and New Testaments are two different agreements between God and man.

The first (Old) testament relied on man's efforts, the second (New) testament relies on Jesus.

Man's efforts are flawed, we're not perfect and we all fall short of God's requirements. Thankfully the whole point of the Old Testament is to show mankind that we need a Saviour!

God's effort is perfect and eternal, Jesus made a way to restore you to God!

The New fulfills the Old, but both tell the story of our merciful, powerful, forgiving God and how much He loves us all.

The first relied on man's ability. The second relies on the Grace of God.

Its intention - Simple.

It has come into your life to introduce you more fully to Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh. Get to know your bible, get to know Jesus.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

1. Every Word is inspired by God.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:16

2. It is eternal.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Mark 13:31

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3. Your Bible is living and it reveals the issues of your heart.

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

4. The Bible is a guide providing direction.

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Psalms 119:105

5. The Bible feeds our spirit and our soul.

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Matthew 4:4

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR BIBLE

Different things work for different people. Here are some things you may want to try:

- Keep a record in a journal of those portions of scripture that jump out at you as they will prove to be a great resource to you as you grow in the faith.
- Share your discoveries with other believers for mutual encouragement.
- Find somebody further along the faith journey than you that you can start to ask questions of concerning the Bible's content.
- Devotionals and reading plans – can help encourage you to read your Bible.
- Setting undistracted time aside for the reading of the Word.

You'll have questions about the Bible. Everyone does. That's why it's so important to be in community.

Your heavenly Father, longs to reveal all of who he is, all his modes . . . Protector and Provider, Servant and Saviour,

Lover and Lord, Master and Maker,
Lion and Lamb.

He is awaiting your discovery of Him
through the pages of his word.

God can be found in His book.

Life's manual is ready for you to open
its cover. God desires to speak to you
through 773,692 words. He had you
and your present situation in mind
when He inspired His prophets to
write things down thousands of years
ago, and they are just waiting for
you to unearth them and hear God's
whisper to your heart through the
verses you read.

Pick up His Book. Discover the
greatest story ever told . . .

And discover your place within that
story.

Because He wants you to play a lead
role too.

*For we are God's handiwork,
created in Christ Jesus to
do good works, which God
prepared in advance for us to
do.*

Ephesians 2:10

Let His Book show you how . . .

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