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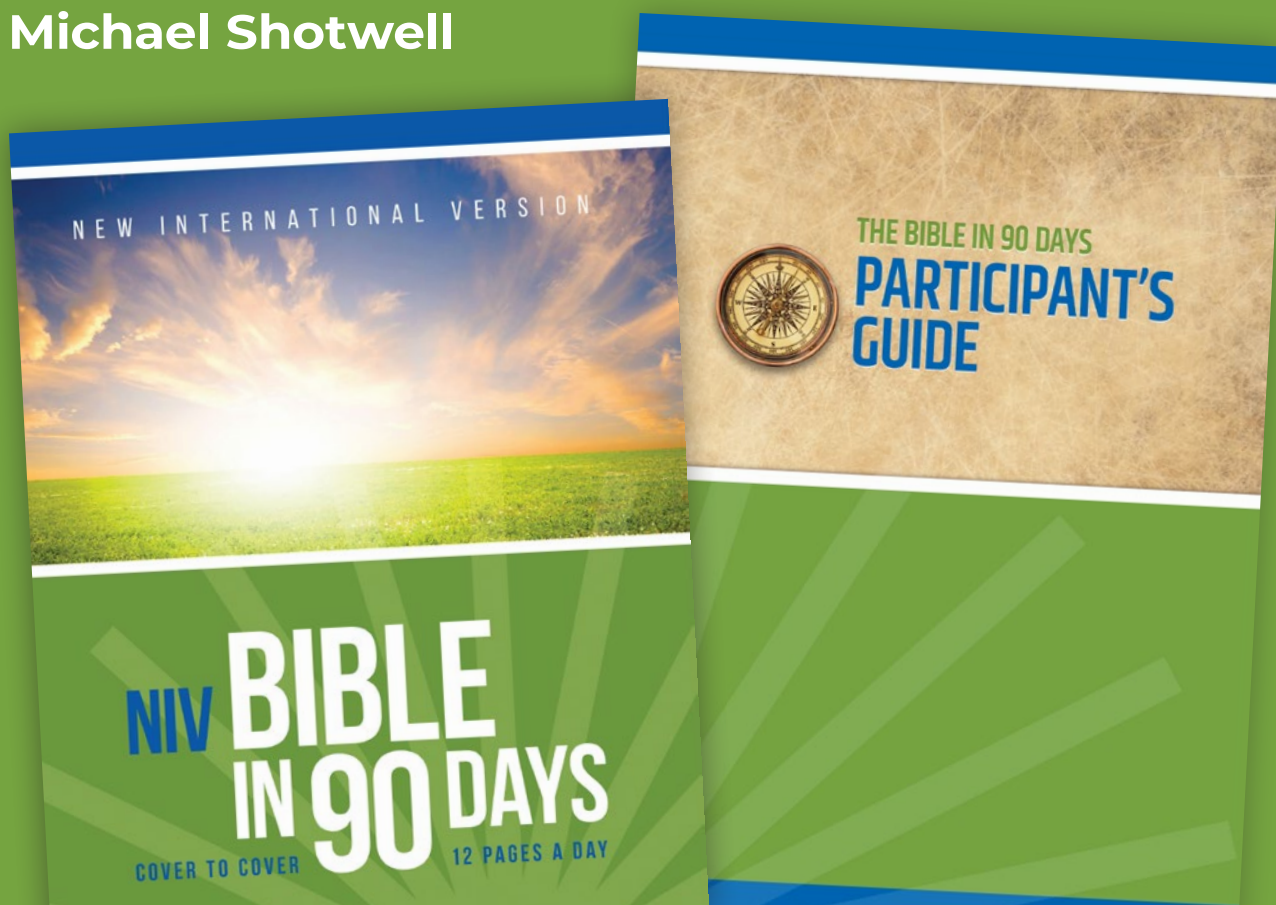
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# Read Every Word... Thoughtfully

“Read Every Word Thoughtfully.” This is what Ted Cooper, the founder of Bible in 90 Days, often said as he urged people to read through the Bible. Think about this statement more carefully:

**Read.** Scripture Awakening challenges people to *read*, *study*, and *live* God’s Word. It all begins with *read*. If we never *read* the Bible, how can we *study* it, or then much less *live* it? I am grateful that Scripture Awakening is able to facilitate Bible in 90 Days, but a reading program is of *no use* if people don’t engage. Please join me in prayer for an upsurge in Bible reading around the country and world in the coming years.

In the pages that follow, you will read testimonies of lives that have been changed by simply reading the Bible, cover to cover. You will be inspired by articles about the power of Scripture to change your life. And you will find tips to make your personal reading experience more meaningful.

**Every Word.** In 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT), Paul writes,

*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.*

The Greek word for “Scripture,” *graphe*, refers to a thing written. The idea in Paul’s mind is that everything written in the Bible—every page, paragraph, and word—is inspired by God. All of it. And yet, do we not tend to choose our favorite portions of the Bible while ignoring much of the rest?

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**When we read the Word in its entirety, however, we begin to see more clearly how the parts can give meaning to the whole, and how the whole provides context for its parts.**

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We find fresh insights, are confronted with new questions, and develop a greater hunger for God’s Word.

**Thoughtfully.** In Daniel 12:4, we find the prediction that over time knowledge would increase; it’s happening in our day as never before. As a result, the average person is overwhelmed by too much information. And we struggle to keep our equilibrium. The key to doing so is not to bury our heads in the sand, but to fill our minds with Scripture. The Bible is the one source of information that we can trust to point us directly to God, the source of life itself. And it challenges us not only to read its pages, but to think about the words—all of them. As we do so, Scripture becomes the means by which God can change our lives (James 1:22-25).

As you read the following pages, I hope you will recommit with me to “reading every word thoughtfully.”



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# An Interview: “Read Every Word Thoughtfully”

The following article is a transcribed interview between Scripture Awakening Founder, Bill Campbell, and guest, Pastor Carl Hamilton.

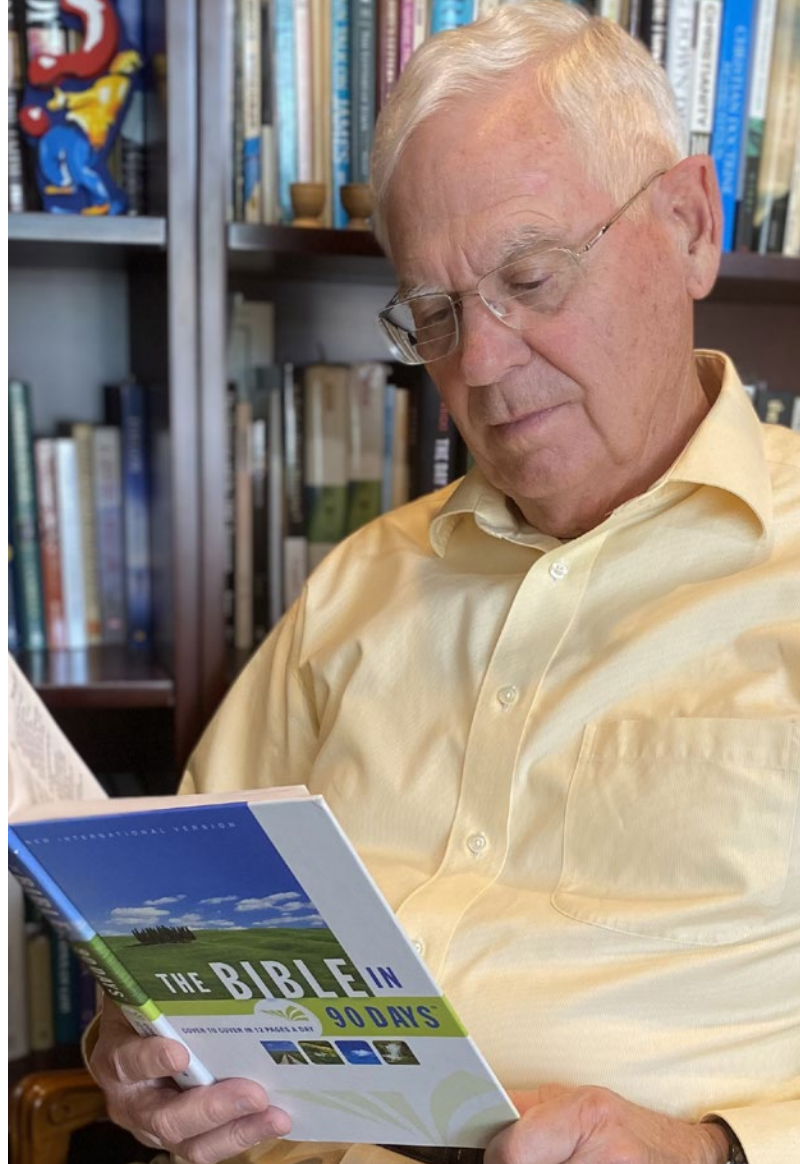
**Bill:** Welcome. Our focus today is on a very special program that has had an impact around the world, and in many people’s lives. It’s tied to a simple reading of the Bible. You might say, “Well, what’s the big deal about that?” But did you know that about 90% of Christians have never read the entire Bible, cover-to-cover? Isn’t that sad considering that the Bible is our instruction guide? We should read the whole in order to understand its parts. Our guest today, Carl Hamilton, understands what I mean. Carl, how did you first get involved with the Bible in 90 Days?

**Carl:** Well Bill, it’s been an interesting journey for me. I’m a retired pastor of 37 years. But I didn’t become a Christian until right after graduate school, despite the fact that I had been attending a church. I became a follower of Jesus simply by reading the Bible. At the time, I didn’t believe the Bible was true. I didn’t necessarily know if I believed in God. I went to see my pastor one day and I said, “Jerry, I want to believe these things, but I don’t. Can you help me?”

My pastor said, “Carl, I want you to go home, buy a Bible. I want you to start reading it every day. And before you read it, I want you to stop and pray and ask God to reveal Himself to you.” And I did that. And I cannot tell you when I became, quote, “a Christian.” But somewhere in a year, year and a half of doing that daily, I became a follower of Jesus. And it’s been a journey ever since. So when I first heard about the Bible in 90 days, I was excited, because I knew what it had meant to me. And I wanted other people to have that same experience of simply reading God’s word, and letting God speak to them, through the written Word.

**Bill:** Carl, you mentioned “90 days.” Three months is not a lot of time. Many people have read through the Bible, trying to get through a program that runs for a year or more. What was it like for you in 90 days?

**Carl:** Well, you know, Bill, I think that’s the genius of this. In our busy lifestyles today, we find it hard to do anything



for a year. We’re much more prone to run a sprint than a marathon. And the Bible in 90 Days concept is that many of us, if given the right support and encouragement, might sit down for 90 days and read it successfully to the end. To do so, a person needs to read 12 pages a day, which takes the average reader around 45 minutes to an hour. From my experience, one reason B90 has been so effective is that you are doing it in a very concentrated format.

**Bill:** Carl, reading the entire Bible in just three months, has another advantage. That is, by the time you get to the end, you still remember what you read at the beginning; such a focused read helps it all come together as one picture. Is that true?

**Carl:** No question Bill, I could elaborate on that much more. I’ve done this now in two different churches, and I’ve led it through a prison unit, a faith-based dorm here in Texas. One of the amazing things is that people do not really appreciate the unity of the Bible. And when you read it so quickly, you get to the New Testament...and all of a sudden

you realize the New Testament doesn't stand alone, but it's a part of this 2,000 years of history from the time of Abraham. God has had all of this laid out and planned. And you see that in the New Testament. In fact, you take the sayings of Jesus and you begin to realize a lot of this isn't original with Jesus. He's simply took from the Old Testament, which He knew so well. He quotes and explains it and gives us God's understanding of how to apply it to our lives. And so yes, you read the New Testament from a whole new perspective. And you see it as the fulfillment of the Old Testament. We can't just throw away the Old Testament. You see, it's all the same story in God's fulfilled plan for us.

**Bill:** You mentioned prison. Tell us more about your prison ministry.

**Carl:** We are doing it here in Texas. And what we have are faith-based dorms. But it's being done in Arizona, in Florida, and other states as well. Fortunately many of the prisons around the country today are trying to allow Christian organizations to come in to teach Bible studies. One of the foundational studies that we're doing is getting them to read through the Bible in 90 Days. It allows them to get the Word of God directly. They read 12 pages a day, we come in to meet with them once a week, and discuss what they've been reading. And so it's been a wonderful, very meaningful ministry to those in prison.

**Bill:** You mentioned meeting once a week. And that's experience helps to make the program most effective, right? Please explain.

**Carl:** Well, you know, Bill our experience is that people *want* to read through the Bible. Most Christians believe they ought to read through the Bible. They start it, but they only get into Exodus, or perhaps Leviticus, and then they get bogged down and never complete it. The genius of the Bible in 90 Days is that it is a complete support system to surround an individual with what they need to complete this wonderful journey. It's a multi-faceted experience, and it's best done in the context of at least a small group, if not an entire church. If you do it with others, you can support, encourage, hold one another accountable: *have you done your reading? are you behind?*

And you discuss it. The Bible in 90 Days also has a built-in teaching component that you can use in your small group time. I remember, when I first did B90 in a church, I used the slogan of Home Depot: "You can do it and we can help." And

we believe that's exactly what the Bible 90 in Days does. It provides the framework to give you the successful tools needed to fulfill your objective, which is to read every word of the Bible thoughtfully, from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22.

**Bill:** "Read every word thoughtfully." What about the tedious ceremonial guidelines in Leviticus, or these long genealogies in Chronicles? Is *every* word truly important?

**Carl:** I do believe it's important that we don't skip parts, but that we read every word. Now is every part personally meaningful to you? Probably not. But I think it's helpful as you read the entirety. All of a sudden, you realize that God's put those people's names in there for a reason. It gives you a sense that this is true. This is history. These are real people that lived and had an encounter with God, just as we can have an encounter with God. And so I think it's important that we read it faithfully. But certainly there are parts of it that are going to be more spiritually inspiring to us. Every now and then it's amazing that you might really get a new insight by reading some of the genealogies or some of the

laws. You know, the laws in Leviticus, many of them, are really just common sense. And today if we just lived by the Ten Commandments, it would be a much better world. So yes, I think is important, but I don't think you need to get hung up on it.

**Bill:** OK, but you're going to tell me to read 12 pages a day? Won't the average person say, "Oh, I'm too busy to fit that into my schedule.?"

**Carl:** Isn't that weird, because how many of your listeners have read two or three books this past month? Or how many of them have read five or six books over the last six months? And yet, someday, we're gonna' stand before God and God's gonna' say, "Carl, how'd you like My book?" And fortunately, now I can say, "Oh Lord, I loved Your book. I've read it five times now. And it's wonderful!" But how many would stutter and say, "Lord, I meant to read it. But I just never got around to it." And what a shame that we read so many novels, but we don't take the time to read God's Word, and let it speak to our hearts.

**Bill:** What about people who don't like to read, or who cannot read?

**Carl:** Bill, my oldest son is dyslexic and has reading disabilities; but he got the Bible in 90 Days on cassette tapes and

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read and listened to it on his way to and from work. And it was amazing that he got so much out of it. And I think that, you know, we don't appreciate the fact that if we will commit ourselves, in whatever fashion, to exposing ourselves to God's word, God speaks through His word. The Protestant Reformation was based on the belief that God's primary means of bringing people to saving faith in Jesus Christ is the reading and studying His Word, under the guidance and influence of the Holy Spirit. They also believed that God's primary means of transforming us into the likeness of Jesus, is again, through the reading and studying of His word. And so the Christian faith is based upon this—we are people of the Book.

Let me tell you a story related to my work in prison. There was a gentleman there who was legally blind. He read the Bible with a magnifying glass...holding the magnifying glass over the Bible one page at a time. And that gentleman stayed ahead of the rest of the group, a group of about 70 inmates. And I used to hold him up because I said, "Look, if Jim can read this, and he's blind, what excuse do the rest of us have?" And he was always joking about it. But he wanted to hear what God had to say to him. And he made it work.

**Bill:** That's fantastic. To our listeners: If you want to order the Bible in 90 Days materials, whether online or hard copy, please go to [ScriptureAwakening.com](http://ScriptureAwakening.com), you'll find it on our website, along with other resources to help you. You can do this as a group. There's also another radio program, mostly out in the West Coast, with probably over a half million listeners, called *Haven Today*, and their listeners are reading through the Bible with us. So I encourage you, if even if you're not in a church, you're not in a small group, consider getting one of these Bibles and reading. You can also download a simple free schedule to guide your reading. You could use any Bible you want. But if you can get the actual Bible in 90 Days Bible, it's set up with 12 pages a day to make it easy for you, at a very reasonable price.

**Carl:** Bill, let me add a word to those who want to just use their own Bibles. There is an advantage of getting the hard cover Bible in 90 days Bible: it's formatted for easy reading, and there are no footnotes. The key is to get the Bible and read it as if you were reading it for the first time. And using a Bible you've never read before. And reading it just like you would read a good story, and read it from beginning to end. Most of us, when we use an existing Bible, have

footnotes or comments we've scribbled in. And they are distractions. So to get a fresh Bible you've never read before and just open it up and read it like you were reading a novel. I think that's one of the wonderful gifts that this Bible in 90 Days provides, is that opportunity.

**Bill:** If you're listening to us and you're not a Christian, or you don't believe in God, all the more reason to join us in this journey. Yes, get a Bible. Ted Cooper, the man who got this whole thing started, was an agnostic; he didn't believe in God. And he thought, "I have no right to criticize this religion if I don't at least read the book once." And for whatever reason, he got it. He started reading and it changed his life. There is so much power in a simple reading of the Bible. So I encourage you just learn what is there by reading, even if you don't have a faith right now in God. Carl, what about a church? Can a whole church do this program?

**Carl:** We have done it that way in two different churches. And it's a wonderful opportunity. In my first church, we had a worshiping attendance of about 650 people. We had over 525 people signed up to do B90. And the preachers preached each week from the text of what we were reading. People read on their own, they met in small groups, and then they had a teaching component. And together it was

amazing...the unity and the excitement that was created in this together.

**Bill:** Fantastic. Carl, I want you to give any final words of encouragement to our listeners.

**Carl:** I guess I just want to say this: the purpose of reading the Bible from cover to cover, is for each individual to grow closer to God, to know Him better, to more fully appreciate what He's done for us. And to see just how much He loves us. I'm convinced that it's worth all the effort.

**Bill:** Thank you Carl, for being our guest this morning and for your insights.

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*To hear this interview with Carl Hamilton in its entirety, or to listen to other interviews about the power of God's Word, go to the podcast section of Beyond Words Radio, a ministry of Scripture Awakening.*



# God's Word Changes Lives



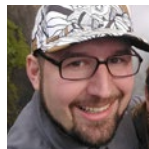
When I was in college, I stood at the base of the Washington Monument, witnessing to a Hare Krishna. I had my Bible, he had his holy book. And about halfway through the conversation, he looked at me and said, “Do you believe everything in that book?” And I said, “Every word.” He said, “Have you read every word in that book?” And at that point, he had me. I had to tell him, “No.” He took that Bible and threw it back at me and said, “Well, if you aren’t even willing to read everything in your holy book, why would I take the time to read it?”

And that set me on a journey, to read the Bible, from beginning to end. And as a pastor, I found, personally, that one of the biggest issues in the church is Biblical illiteracy. And I can tell you right now, the Bible in 90 Days, is the best program out there. You know, if you don’t like programs throw the “P” word out, I don’t care. It’s the best opportunity out there to teach our people the Scriptures from beginning to end.

It’s a fabulous program. It actually changed our whole community in Stuart, Virginia. As we read the Bible, it grew from one little church, Stuart Presbyterian, reading the Bible in 90

Days, to the whole community, reading the Bible, in the park, in the course of 24 hours, out loud. All the churches in the community participated. It was crazy! I’m just saying, if you want the opportunity to help your church with Biblical literacy, use Bible in 90 Days, whether the hard copy version or the online version—or both.

Dr. Bucky Hunsicker is the Missional Executive Director for the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.



Hi, I’m Pastor Christian Shields from Christian Life Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. And I want to tell you all we *love* reading through the Bible in 90 Days. We started B90 in 2018 in the winter time. We had a small group and we decided to just see if it was something we wanted to do. So we sat down, we went through the B90 Bibles, and we each ordered one. We went through the workbooks every week, and watched the videos. After doing it the first time, we loved it so much that we made it a staple in our church. Now, every year, we start the year off by going through the Bible in 90 Days with B90, the workbooks, and

the videos. We always have a large class, and we have some people who do it every single year.

My favorite testimony about B90 from our church relates to a young woman, just recently saved; she was born again maybe two months before starting B90. And I remember being a little concerned, that maybe the Bible would be too much or be too heavy for such a new believer. Boy was I wrong. After getting through the Old Testament, she testified, “You know what, Pastor? I loved going through the Bible, because I now finally understand what it means to be a God-fearing woman.” Wow! What a powerful testimony!

If you’re considering reading through the Bible in 90 Days, my biggest encouragement is to just do it, whether online or traditional. Get your B90 workbook, get with a group of people, go through the videos, and just make the commitment to do it. You won’t regret it.

Pastor Shields shared his testimony, as did Bucky in the previous article, with a live audience through video. Consider how your videotaped testimony can encourage others to read God’s Word. Contact us if you would like to do so.



# The Importance Hiding His Word in Our Hearts

**Psalm 119:11** *“I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”*  
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We live in such an amazing time with so much information at our fingertips. From history to current news, from recipes to “how to” videos on any subject, the “information age” is continually changing and growing around us. This, of course, is true for access to God’s Word as well. Like the knowledge available to us with a click of the mouse, there has never been a time when the Word of God was more accessible and, perhaps, more needed. Ironically, the very technology that provides so much access to His Word comes with so many distractions that quieting our hearts and focusing on His Word is a real challenge.

Hiding His Word in our hearts doesn’t come naturally. It takes time, focus and thought. It requires us to find a quiet place to focus—thus, why so many call their daily time in the Word a “Quiet Time.” I’m thankful for the

many hours of Bible study that I was exposed to as a young Christian. It set the foundation for my faith and my overall understanding of the Word.

So what can you do to help hide His Word in your heart? It does take personal discipline, but there are some things you can do to make it easier and, hopefully, a richer experience. So, grab your Bible, a notebook, a pen, and...

**1** Use an inductive Bible study approach with your Bible reading by asking these three questions and writing down the answers:

- a. Observe: What does this verse say? (copy the verse)
- b. Interpret: What does it mean? Re-state the verse differently to bring clarity.
- c. Application: What does it mean for my life? Write down how it applies to you.

**2** If you don’t know where to start, you can read the Gospels or focus on the Red Letters of Jesus’ words, or simply study the promises of God

throughout the Bible and write them down.

**3** Visit Scripture Awakening’s website—the publishers of this magazine—where you will find multiple resources to help you plan and succeed at reading and hiding God’s Word in your heart. Their mission is to provide resources to equip you to READ, STUDY, and LIVE God’s Word, awakening you to its transformative power for your life, your community and world.

Remember the wisdom of Solomon from Proverbs 4:20-22:

*“My child pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my words. Don’t lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart, for they bring life to those who find them and healing to their whole body.”* NLT



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# The Bible: Key to Personal Growth and National Awakening

**W**hen my wife and I were newlyweds, the teacher of our “Young Marrieds” Sunday school class made the following challenge: He said that every young couple should build their marriage on Christ and His Word. Fair enough; Angie and I certainly agreed with these sentiments.

The teacher encouraged all of us to daily read three chapters from the Bible—and five chapters on Sundays—this would enable us to read the Bible through within a year. Angie and I took up that challenge of reading straight through the Bible—and reading God’s Word has now been the beginning point of our day now for 30 years.

There have been countless times in which the Holy Spirit would bring to remembrance a passage we had read just that morning, and it would prove to be the truth of God that we needed for some situation later in the day.

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## Build a library that will build you.

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Reading good commentaries and devotional literature has also opened up Scripture to us. In reading godly writers past and present, we have seen them all to be helpful in our own Christian growth and deepening knowledge in God’s Word.

We love *Morning and Evening Devotions* by Charles Spurgeon. That has been a very

special book for us. You may have heard of *My Utmost for His Highest*, a devotional book of the writings of Oswald Chambers, and considered by many Christians to be a “must read.”

Angie and I have benefitted from *Awake, My Heart*, a devotional masterpiece by the 20th century Australian Christian J. Sidlow Baxter. My friend Andrew Womack’s daily devotional, *Every Day With Jesus*, has been constantly at our side now for more than two years. I highly recommend it.

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## Often found together: The Bible, revival, and eras of technological advancements.

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The spread of the Gospel always runs parallel with the introduction of the Bible into a culture. Revivals throughout history always include the church returning to live under the authority of God’s Word: Food for thought in our own day, for sure.

Most have heard of the historic Guttenberg Bible—the first ever printed. With borrowed money (a loan that would later bring him to personal bankruptcy) Johannes Guttenberg printed his first copies of Scripture on August 24, 1455. The world would be forever changed with this innovation of mass printing. Literacy and education would be forever changed as

the accessibility to a Bible increased and as the common man now had incentive to learn to read. The eternal destiny of countless lives would be forever changed as more people than ever would hear (and later even own a copy of) God’s Word.

In his own words, Gutenberg’s stated desire was to, “Give wings to Truth in order that she may win every soul that comes into the world.” The printed Scriptures spread throughout Europe, and the Protestant reformation began. Philosopher John Locke (1632-1704) would famously state, “The Bible is one of the greatest blessings bestowed by God on the children of men. It has God for its Author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture for its matter.”

When people and nations live by the Bible, immeasurable blessing comes (and these benefits may be felt for centuries). May God grant that a renaissance of love for Scripture occurs in our times—beginning now and in each of us.

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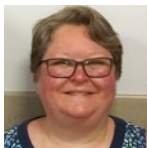


## A Bible for All Ages

*As a pastor, I led Bible in 90 Days classes for our congregation annually for several years. One year, an elderly couple approached me half-way through our class, saying, “We have a problem.” As the husband normally didn’t attend church and based on their age, I assumed were having a hard time keeping up and they were going to tell me they needed to drop out. Instead, they explained, “We’ve been reading the Bible out loud every night, and got so excited about God’s Word that we’re already done, in half of the time.” That was a reminder to me that one is never too old to read the Bible, cover-to-cover—there are creative ways to get through, and even to excel.*

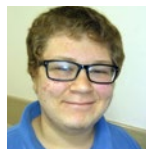
*At the next B90 class, a Mom came forward, saying, “Pastor, we have a problem.” Knowing that she had her two young boys, then ages 11 and 12 reading through the Bible, I assumed they were going to drop out. But she continued, “We have finished our reading in half of the time. What do we do now?” This showed me that even younger people can do the Bible in 90 Days. Their testimonies follow.*

— **Bill Campbell**, Editor, *Journey Christian Magazine*



Good evening. I am Christina Ward and I homeschool my sons. As a mother of teenagers, I would have to say that the impact the Bible in 90 Days program has had on our family goes far beyond any expectation I could have imagined. What started out as participating in a church-wide challenge has transformed our lives in unexpected ways. By taking the time to read the Bible with my sons, we have had the opportunity to dive much deeper

into Scripture taking us to lengths of extensive researching of topics that honestly never occurred to me and retaining much more of the Word because it is completed in a short period of time. I can honestly stand here today and say that I do not believe that I or any of my family would be as close in our walk with the Lord if we had not gone through the Bible in 90 Days program. Here are testimonies from my two sons:



Thank you for having me here today, I am Christopher Ward. Before I started The Bible in 90 Days program, I wasn’t the best Christian that I could be. Most nights I didn’t pray on my own unless I was wanting a new toy.

Don’t get me wrong, I loved the Lord and went to church, but I wasn’t on fire for Him. One day I heard the “Bible in 90 Days” Challenge addressed from the pastor in the pulpit. To be honest, the only word that stuck in my mind was challenge. When I heard that, I wanted to complete it so that I could brag to my friends. But once I got started, something awoke inside of me. I thought it was going to be torture, but I actually enjoyed it.

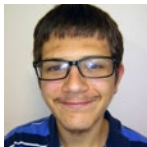
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**I would spend hours just sitting on the living room floor with my family taking turns reading the Bible out loud.**

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We also answered questions from the curriculum, watched videos that went along with it, and attended meetings at our church with fellow members to discuss what we learned. Have you ever heard the saying “time flies when you are

having fun?” Well that is exactly what happened. Matter of fact, time flew by so quickly that forty-nine days later I came to the last word in Revelation, which is “Amen.” The Bible is the living Word of God. Every time I read it I learn something new, even five years later. Sometimes I have to admit that I read a bit slower in the books of Daniel and Revelation, since my favorite genre is Apocalyptic. I will have to say that taking the Bible in 90 Days challenge has transformed my life in immeasurable ways. I have decided and have put into practice living each day for the Lord, expecting it to be my last day here on earth and eagerly waiting to hear “Good and Faithful Servant” from my Lord Jesus Christ.



Hello. My name is Billy Ward. I completed the “Bible in 90 Days” program five years ago when I was twelve years old. Before starting the program, I didn’t pray or read the Bible except when directed to do so by my mom. I was distant from the Lord and didn’t enjoy going to church. One day our church was having the “Bible in 90 Days” Challenge so my mom signed us up to participate. I thought that this challenge would be boring but it turned out to be the very opposite. My favorite subject in school is History, and the Bible is full of interesting History from Creation to the Rise and Fall of Empires. We would

spend nights taking turns reading the Bible out loud. This became a nightly routine that was so enjoyable that I didn’t miss free play time.

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**Reading the Bible nightly made it easier to remember what was happening in the story of God. We grew closer as a family from this program...which has continued to this day.**

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We finished the program in seven weeks, because we just didn’t want to stop when we finished the assigned text for that night. Once we completed the program, I wanted to go deeper, so I read the Bible again, this time the Chronological version. I started watching sermons on YouTube by Perry Stone, Tony Evans, and Voddie Baucham in my free time. If there is only one thing that you take away from my words, let it be that the “Bible in 90 Days” program changed my life for the better and my relationship with God is now closer.

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The Ward family shared their testimonies live at a recent Scripture Awakening vision-sharing dinner event. If you would like to host such an event in your community, contact Bill Campbell to learn more: [wpcampbell@scriptureawakening.com](mailto:wpcampbell@scriptureawakening.com)

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# Scripture Calls Us to Share



**T**he Bible is filled with words of hope. God's Word assures us that if we put our faith and trust in Jesus Christ alone, we will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. That promise gives us the hope to endure what we go through in this life. But through the Scriptures, God also gives us a purpose, a task for us to carry out here on earth—to share that hope with others.

Sharing the Gospel is not restricted to trained pastors and missionaries. God calls every one of us to share our faith. Matthew 10:8 reminds us, "Freely you have received; freely give." But talking to others about our faith can be scary. We face possible ridicule or rejection. Many believers don't share because they don't know what to say or how to even begin a spiritual conversation.

Scripture reminds us what motivated Jesus. "When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd" (Matthew

9:36). Jesus acted out of His love for others. They desperately needed hope, and He knew that the only way they could be truly free and reconciled to God was through Him.

That's good news! But in that same Scripture, Jesus also turned to His disciples and said, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few" (v.37). Through His immeasurable grace, God chooses us as the carriers of that message. Paul even calls us "Christ's ambassadors" (2 Corinthians 5:20)—to share with the world that we can be reconciled to God. But sadly so few actively share their faith on a regular basis.

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**1 Peter 3:15 tells us to "always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." As believers, we are sent into the world to share the Gospel**

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**with every man, woman, and child. "I have made you a light...that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth" (Acts 13:47).**

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That is a critical task! Thankfully, God promises in His Word that He will not send us to accomplish it alone. He will send the Holy Spirit to help us. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). We cannot be salt and light in our own strength. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to share our faith with others. When we step out in faith, Luke 12:11-12 encourages us not to worry: "the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say."

Paul says in Romans 1:16 that the Gospel is "the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes." Isn't it amazing that God chooses to use us—fearful and fallible human beings—to share that power? When we do, He gives us the amazing opportunity to witness His power in action as it changes lives for eternity.

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## B90+ Day 1



### The Dark Underside

My wife recently warned me about a new electric teapot she had purchased. It looked just like the one we place daily on our gas stove, but it could only be used on an electric base on an adjacent counter. The obvious difference between the two teapots was the dark plastic underside on the electric version.

One morning I got up before dawn to do some writing. Keeping the lights dim and not being fully awake, I placed the kettle with the dark underside on a gas burner. A minute later I smelled burning plastic and looked over to see the base of the tea kettle engulfed in flames. I grabbed the smoldering pot by the handle and stuck it under the kitchen faucet. That was the easy part. It was much more difficult to clear the smell of burning plastic out of our house and to explain my blunder to my wife. I had overlooked the dark underside.

Fortunately, my wife forgave me, and our son gave us a new and very different-looking electric tea kettle for Christmas. The gift reminded me of the opening chapters of Genesis, the first book of the Bible, where the dark underside of humanity is revealed, and God steps in to

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# God's Word Impacts Marriages

Often, something in the Bible will be exactly what you need to gain the access code to your mate's heart. Recently, Bill and I found ourselves off rhythm with one another. I was frustrated by the many tasks still remaining on Bill's to-do list that I thought should have been checked off. In short, I was afraid he would let me down.

I (Bill) was frustrated by what seemed to me to be unrealistic expectations. I was afraid that I would never be able to live up to her demands on me. There had been an underlying cooling of the temperature of our relationship over a few days, and I (Pam) began to pray that God would show me who needed to change and how to own the issue to regain unity.

That day at the gym I was listening to the *New Testament Experience*, and there, piped into my headphones, was some wonderfully irritating insight. Ephesians 4:1-3 was dramatically read into my heart:

*"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another*

*in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."*

God's Spirit seemed to gently apply the Word to me: *Have you been humble toward Bill? Gentle? Patient? Have you been bearing with him and all the pile of responsibilities on his list? When was the last time you said "Thank you" instead of emailing requests for action? Pam, have you made every effort to bless and encourage Bill? Every effort to lower his stress? Pam, pause for a moment, right here in this gym, and pray. Ask Me what you can do for Bill that will help him feel My love, My plan, My hope.*

I called Bill up, took him his favorite coffee, apologized, and told him the story of how God's Spirit had instructed me from the Word.

Shortly after this, I (Bill) was having a quiet time and two verses seemed to jump off the page:

*I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bri-*

*dle or they will not come to you. (Psalm 32:8-9)*

I was in a big life and career transition so I appreciated the comfort in knowing God would be instructing and teaching me with His eye on me. Being called "stubborn" like a mule stung! But I knew it was true. Pam had been frustrated with me because I was being resistant, yes, stubborn about that *to-do* list. I realized I was trying to do God's will in *my way*! I apologized to God, thanked Him for pointing out this weakness, and, yes, it was my turn to apologize to Pam.

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**We smiled as we realized when God uses His Word to point out our shortcomings; it goes much better than when we try to be the Holy Spirit in each other's lives!**

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# Trust Scripture

For centuries, people have tried to question the inerrancy and trustworthiness of the Bible. In 1949, even my grandfather, Billy Graham, was faced with a crisis of faith as a friend and contemporary tried to convince him that the Bible was out-of-date, inaccurate, and irrelevant.

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**Ultimately, my grandfather made the decision to embrace the Bible as God's Word, by faith. Eternity was changed for millions because my grandfather chose to trust the Scriptures rather than follow the winding path of fallen man.**

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Even in the early church, Paul felt the need to explain the divine nature of the Bible. When Paul writes the second letter to Timothy, he knows that his time is nearing its end. This motivates Paul to begin "passing the mantle" to Timothy, his spiritual son. Paul wants Timothy to focus on the essen-

tials, particularly on the Word of God. Of course, his message to Timothy is just as relevant to us today.

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.*  
(2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV)

In these words, we see that the Bible is to be trusted.

**1** We know that the Bible can be trusted because it has a divine origin not in part, but in whole. Paul says, "All Scripture is breathed out by God..." The Bible is not a book of man's words or ideas. It is the self-revelation of God, penned by human authors under the control of the Holy Spirit.

**2** We can trust this divine Book because it is profitable to us in all matters: for doctrine (all that is necessary to know about God, heaven, and salvation), for reproof and correction (conviction of sin and

restoration as we stumble), and for training in righteousness (Christian discipline and guidance as we walk the path of our faith).

**3** We see that the Bible can be trusted because it is beneficial to the Body of Christ, the Church. It is what develops us into mature Christians as we strive to be more Christlike. The God-breathed Scripture is our textbook in life, equipping believers for every possible need.

My friends, our world is a mess, with morality dictated by the entertainment industry and politicians. Society tells us that right is wrong, wrong is right, and truth is dependent upon how you feel in the morning. The fact of the matter is this: we have The Truth as we delve into God's Word. Trust it, dig deep into it, and grow in Him.



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