

Study the Bible

I am building my life on a solid foundation, the bedrock of God's Word. God has given me a user's manual: the Holy Bible; this is His Word for living the life He wants me to live. God inspired the words of Scripture; it is not a collection of stories, fables, myths or human ideas about God. All of Scripture points beyond the written word toward God who came to earth in Jesus Christ.

His Word reveals His character and plan for my life. He inspired these words as a way to guide me to be a success in living the life He created me to live. Through His Word He encourages me as His child, He tells me how much He loves me, He corrects me when I am off course, He warns me when I am wrong, and trains me in all His ways.

The Bible serves as a pattern for applying God's principles and standards to my life. The more I apply His Word to my life the more He can accomplish His will and purpose in me and for me. As I study, learn and apply His Word, the practice of obedience helps build my life on the foundation of Jesus and prepares me to weather the storms of life whatever they may be: *"Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock"* (Matthew 7:24-25 NLT). I am building my life on a solid foundation, the bedrock of God's Word.

I am choosing to have the Word of God permanently reside in my heart and mind; it is at the core of all growth on my spiritual journey with Him. Therefore, I will make the study, reading and meditation of His Word a part of my daily life; it will be the filter for all of my decisions. I will not allow the self-deception of knowledge alone to rule my life. I will not simply read and study God's Word, for that would be of no gain in my life. I am learning God's Word so I can "do" what it says. His Word can only transform my life as I put it into action and allow it to make a difference in me. The effectiveness of my study of God's Word is the affect it has on my behavior and attitude.

I am building my life on a solid foundation, the bedrock of God's Word, not only for my success in this journey but also for the success of those around me. A part of His plan and purpose for my life is the responsibility to teach His Word to others I influence. As I learn and grow, I will help others learn and grow. I need only give them what I've learned from my journey and I will continue to grow as I do.

With the power of His Spirit in me, I will not allow anyone or anything to steal the truth of His Word from my life. I am building my life on a solid foundation, the bedrock of God's Word.

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Day 1: Necessary for Life - *2 Timothy 3:16-17* (Page 915); *Psalms 19:7-11* (Page 422)

Day 2: Spiritual Wisdom - *Matthew 7:24-27* (Page 738); *Psalms 111:10* (Page 466)

Day 3: Fills Your Life - *Colossians 3:16* (Page 904); *Psalms 119:11* (Page 468)

Day 4: Application - *James 1:22-25* (Page 930); *Romans 2:13* (Page 858)

Day 5: The Word Revives - *Psalms 119:1-8* (Page 468); *John 14:23-24* (Page 823)

Day 6: Alive and Active - *Hebrews 4:12* (Page 922); *Ecclesiastes 12:11* (Page 511)

Day 7: Read the *Daily Reading* once again and highlight things that stand out. Answer the three Life Transformation questions for growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse.

Memory Verse: James 1:22 *"But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves."* James 1:22

Life Transformation Questions:

1. As you read the *Daily Reading*, what stood out and why?
2. What action will you take to apply this truth? Be specific.
3. What areas of your life will benefit from this action? How and why?