

THE BIBLE... DIRECTORY OF LIFE

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The Bible is much more than a religious book of writings... it is the inspired thoughts and directions of God in written format. It is available to all, not just a select group. Better still, it works for all those who apply its directions.

The Bible claims to be inspired by God, not by man.

2TIM 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: *It is used to establish sound doctrine and to keep it.*

The Bible proves its own accuracy when its directions are followed.

ACT 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. *This promise is still being honoured by God today.... people are still receiving the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues as God promised.*

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even as many as the Lord our God shall call.* *The scriptures themselves claim the enduring nature of these blessings.*

The Bible was inspired by God's Spirit and is interpreted by the same Spirit.

JOH 16:17 *Even the Spirit of truth;* whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. *Acts 2 above.*

&26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even the Spirit of truth,* which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: *The Spirit teaches those who have it.*

The Word of God is not temporary... its truth will outlast our universe.

MAT 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

1PET 1:24 For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: *Human life is temporary and passes.*

25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. *God's truth's are as modern as the future.*

The Word of God is more reliable than our own knowledge and our own life sciences.

COL 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit (*human tradition based on Godless beliefs*), after the **tradition of men**, after the rudiments of the world (*basics of human wisdom*), and not after Christ.

The scriptures were used by the early church to establish God's will.

ACT 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. *They confirmed every promise by comparing the scriptures with the promises being made.*

A knowledge of the Scriptures is essential if success is your goal.

MAT 22:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. *Ignorance of scripture leads to ignorance about God and his power to bless us.*

God's Word reveals our thoughts and attitudes.

HEB 4:12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. *God's word always generates a human response... some good and some evil.*

The same word actually determines whether we will live or die... by our attitude towards it.

JOH 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. *God's intention is to save people... not to harm them.*

JOH 12:48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. *Rejecting God is rejecting life... results are death.*

God's Word reveals our capacity to love God and love each other.

JOH 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. **24** He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

If you cannot or will not love God, then there is no more life once your time on earth ends. Your quality of life will be much less and your friends will be cheated out of great opportunities. God is offering to improve every aspect of your life and offers unending life through all eternity... in a new body and in a new world. What is your friends, family, doctors, scientists and world leaders offering you??