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OBJECTIVES OF THIS COURSE

1. To know God more. Joshua 1:8; Phi 3:10; Matthew 4:1-4; 2 Tim 3:16
2. To avoid error, sin and their consequences. Jeremiah 7:16; 11:14; 14:11-12; Ezekiel 14:14
3. To maintain our blessings and breakthroughs. Jeremiah 5:24-25
4. To tell us things we need to know that will give us good success. Joshua 1:8
5. To make heaven. Hebrews 9:27; Romans 14:12

BIBLIOLOGY

2Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Introduction:

The Bible is a collection of religious text or scriptures, sacred to Christians. The Bible is derived from the Greek word Biblos. The latin word for Biblos is Biblia. It was this latin word (Biblia) that was translated to the English word Bible by John Christenson.

The Bible is likened to a treasure in Proverbs 2:1-5. The Bible is the Word of God. Two qualities of the Word of God which set it apart from all other books are: (1) Timelessness and (2) Truthfulness.

BIBLIOLOGY

2Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Introduction continued:

By timelessness, the Bible has stood the test of time and the assaults of cynics and skeptics. By truthfulness, the Bible is God breathed and comes from a God who cannot lie. The Bible is a treasured book because it is timeless and truthful. The Bible is a living book Hebrews 4:12; John 6:63. The Bible must be assimilated for the Bible to become a living, breathed, life giving reality for you. You must have assimilated it. Ask God to be your teacher and your eyes will be opened to the Word of God. Your understanding will be increased, your heart will be steered and your mind will be enlightened.

BIBLIOLOGY

2Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Introduction continued:

The Bible when compared with other ancient books stood out uniquely because of its supremacy, harmony and authority. We can trust that the Bible is the word of God because it is founded in Christianity and Christ is the central message of Christianity. The known manuscript of the Bible is called autograph. Autographs are original copies. Pseudepigrapha refers to false books of the Bible. The Greek word 'diatheike' corresponds with the English word "Testament". There are two testaments in the Bible namely: Old Testament, which is the covenant before Christ and the New Testament, which is the covenant instituted by Christ. The Bible contains 66 books and two testaments.

BIBLIOLOGY

2Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Introduction continued:

One fact that every student of the Bible should keep in mind is, its remarkable unity. Although, the 66 books were written by different men, they have a unity which makes the Bible, the book above all books that you might find in the world. The Bible is believed to be written by about 40 authors inspired by God. For example, King Solomon is credited with the authorship of the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Songs of Solomon while the book of Lamentation is credited to Prophet Jeremiah.

BIBLIOLOGY

2Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Introduction continued:

It is written in John 1:1-3, “in the beginning was the word”. Verse 3 says "all things were made by him and without him was not anything made that was made", meaning your promotion, your excelling, your longevity, your dominion, your influence, all things was made by him and without him, meaning outside of the influence of the word, was not anything made that was made. The word of God is the maker of every good thing including enviable destinies. It is true that as Christians, we have been called into a life of victory and into a life of grace.

BIBLIOLOGY

2Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Introduction continued:

Working in the reality of that prophetic word depends on our encounter with the word of God. That means, in as much as you have great prophecies over your life, it does not automatically mean that you will step into the reality of the same. Just because a Prophetic word came over your life, that you have a great destiny, that you have a beautiful destiny, just because the Bible attest to the fact that there is greatness within you, it does not mean that by default, you will become great. You must have an encounter with the word of God. (Apostle Joshua Selman, September 27th, 2021, RCCG Youth & Young Adult Convention 2021).

BIBLIOLOGY

2Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

What is the Word of God?

The word of God refers to the thoughts and the intents of God. The word logos, that was translated as "word", means "the thoughts of a man that seeks expression"

1. The word of God is an expression of God Himself, His thoughts and His character. John 1:1; Revelations 19:11-13, talks about a rider upon a horse whose name is the Word of God. In 1John 1:2, the Bible also talks about the word of God from the beginning, that which we have seen. So, the word of God is an expression of God Himself, an expression of the character of God.

BIBLIOLOGY

2Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

What is the Word of God? (continued)

2. The word of God represents the boundary of God's commitment to the believer. God cannot be committed to the believer outside of the provision and the allowance that the word of God provides. God is Almighty, God is great but He has limited His operations with man to the provisions that the word allows. The Bible says that “He exalts His word even above His name”, above His reputation. The word of God represents the boundary of God's commitment to the believer.

BIBLIOLOGY

2Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

What is the Word of God? (continued).

3. The word of God is a revelation of God's system of operation, His methodology, how He works. That means the word of God reveals how God functions. It is the manual that shows you how God functions, His modus Operandi, His system of operation.

Three unique things in the Bible

Every time you open the Bible principally, the Bible contains 3 things and they are:

BIBLIOLOGY

2Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Three unique things in the Bible (continued).

1. The word of God contains promises. Promises represents God's commitment, the things that He has said that He would do. God never does what He has not said. If God has not said it, there is no basis for committing Him to do it. Genesis 21:1; Jeremiah 29:11. The promises of God are dependable.
2. The second thing that we find from scripture are Principles. The principles of the kingdom are called the secrets of the Lord. They are called the mysteries of the kingdom. Matthew 13:11, In the kingdom of God there are mysteries by which we rise.

BIBLIOLOGY

2Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Three unique things in the Bible (continued).

For instance, we are taught that giving leads to increase. People will not understand unless they are part of God's kingdom. We are taught that you can dance your way to victory, it does not make sense to people outside Christianity. For instance, we are taught that our words carry power and that we can speak life and use words to create or recreate our destiny, it is a mystery that anyone who is not a child of God and not in this kingdom cannot understand. Job 22:28

BIBLIOLOGY

2Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Three unique things in the Bible (continued).

3. Third thing, we find in Scriptures are Prophecies. Prophecies gives us a road map to the future, so that there will not be fear again as we live. It gives us a road map to our own future here in this life and even in the life after. This is total victory for the believer because we know that in this life and life after, we are victorious because we have searched the end of it. According to prophecy, even in the end, we remain victorious. Believers have hope through prophecy. According to Biblical prophecy, one day the trumpet will sound for rapture and the believers will meet with Christ and never to be separated again.

BIBLIOLOGY

2Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Three unique things in the Bible (continued).

The Bible contains promises, principles and prophecies. If you want a life that brings glory of the Lord, a life that brings dignity to you, a life that wipes away shame and reproach from your life & family, you need the word of God. In Joshua 1:8, God recommended His word as the means to achieving good success.

When you find your prophecies, you can bring forth your strong reasons Isaiah 41:21. If you find the principles, you can obtain grace in keeping with the principles.

BIBLIOLOGY

2Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Three unique things in the Bible (continued).

The principles do not fail, they are backed up by God's own integrity. The promises gives us hope and assurance, so that we are not afraid. We do not need to enter tomorrow to know what is there, Christ already went as Omega and brought back what tomorrow is and He has told us that we are victorious.

The word of God is not an ordinary book.

BIBLIOLOGY

2Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

The Bible is the origin of all things including new inventions.

1. The first Nutritionist/Nutrition/Vegetarian. Genesis 1:29
2. The first balanced diet. Genesis 9:3
3. The first tailor/Tailoring. Genesis 3:7
4. The first Fashion Designer/fashion Designing. Genesis 3:21
5. The first Surgery. Genesis 2:21-23

BIBLIOLOGY

2Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

The Bible is the origin of all things including new inventions (continued).

6. Origin of Management Functions. Exodus 18:14-26

7. Origin of Honey Moon. Deuteronomy 24:5

8. Cost Accounting/Costing/Planning. Luke 14:28-32

9. Example of Bible Mathematics. 2 Peter 3:8.

1000 years in the eyes of men = 1 day in Gods eyes

1000 years in the eyes of men = 24 hours in God's eyes

1000 years in the eyes of men = 1440 minutes in God's eyes

BIBLIOLOGY

2Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

The Bible is the origin of all things including new inventions (continued).

9. Example of Bible Mathematics. 2 Peter 3:8 (continued).

Direct conversion of a day to seconds is shown below

1000 years in our eyes = $[(60 \text{ seconds} * 60 \text{ minutes} * 24 \text{ hours})$
 $= 86,400 \text{ seconds in God's eyes}]$

1000 years in the eyes of men = 86,400 seconds

So, 1 year in the eyes of men = $86,400 / 1000 = 86.4 \text{ seconds in God's eyes}$

BIBLIOLOGY

2Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

The Bible is the origin of all things including new inventions (continued).

So, assuming that you are X years, how old are you in God's eyes?

- **For 16 years** = $x = 86.4 * 16 = 1,382.4$ seconds (same thing as $[(86,400/1000)*16 = 1,382.4]$)

Convert to minutes, you are = $1,382.4/60 = 23.04$ (23 Mins 4Seconds old in God's eyes)

- **For 17 years** = $x = 86.4 * 17 = 1,468.8$ seconds (same thing as $[(86,400/1000)*17 = 1,468.8]$)

Convert to minutes, you are = $1,468.8/60 = 24.48$ (24 Mins 48Seconds old in God's eyes)

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Symbols of the Bible

The under listed are symbols used to illustrate or represent the word of God.

1. Sword. Hebrews 4:12, Ephesians 6:17. The Bible is a pointing word that convicts the hearer. It has piercing ability, operating with equal effectiveness both on sinners, saints (believers) and Satan.

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Symbols of the Bible (continued).

2. Hammer. Jeremiah 23:29. The Bible is powerful and breaks the resistance of the hearer. It has power to tear down, pull down, root out and to build up.

3. Seed. 1 Peter 1:23; James 1:18; Matthew 13:18-23. it is called a seed because once it is properly planted, it brings forth growth, life and fruit. The Bible is a living word regenerating the hearer.

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Symbols of the Bible (continued).

4. Mirror. James 1:23-25. it is called a mirror because it reflects the mind of God and the true condition of man. The Bible is a faithful word, revealing the individual to himself.

5. Fire. Jeremiah 23:29; Jeremiah 20:9; Luke 24:32. This is because of its judging, purifying and consuming ability. The Bible is a burning word, consuming the dross in the ear of the hearer.

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Symbols of the Bible (continued).

6. A Lamp. Psalms 119:105. This is because it shows us where we are now, it guards and guides us in our next step and keeps us from falling. The Bible is an illuminating word guiding the believer day by day.

7. Water. Ephesians 5:25-27; Psalms 42:1; Psalms 119:9; Proverbs 25:25; Revelations 22:17. It has cleansing, quenching and refreshing power.

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Dispensations in the Bible

There are seven dispensations in the Bible as presented by C.I. Scofield. They are man-made way of understanding what the Bible has revealed to us about Gods purposes towards men. Dispensationalism is not a Biblical concept nor is it found anywhere in the Bible. It is a theological system of organizing and understanding Gods work but it is not itself scripture. 1 Corinthians 9:17; Ephesians 1:10; Ephesians 3:2; Colossians 1:25

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Dispensations in the Bible (continued).

(1) The dispensation of Innocence. This dispensation covers the time from creation of man to the fall of man. Genesis 1:28-30; 2:15-17.

(2) The dispensation of Conscience. The expulsion from the Garden of Eden began the dispensation of conscience. A time when man was left to rule himself by his own will and conscience both of which had been taunted by sin. It was a disaster and ended in disaster. Genesis 3:8-Genesis 8:22

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Dispensations in the Bible (continued).

(3) The dispensation of Human Government. It began just after the flood. God made promises and gave commands to Noah and his family. God promised not to curse the earth again and never to flood it again. He commanded Noah and his sons to repopulate the world and scatter across the earth and He allowed them to use animals for food, in addition to herbs already given (Gen 9:3). God also established the law of capital punishment (Genesis 8:1 – Genesis 9:7). The dispensation of human government lasted until the call of Abraham.

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Dispensations in the Bible (continued).

(4) The dispensation of Promise. The call of Abraham, the lives of the patriarchs and the enslavement of the Jewish people to Egypt all fall under the dispensation of promise. This was the time when Abrahams descendants waited for the promise that was given to Abraham, God promised to make Abrahams descendants a great nation and to give them their own land. Genesis 12:1-7

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Dispensations in the Bible (continued).

(5) The dispensation of Law. The dispensation of law lasted almost 1500 years beginning with the exodus from Egypt and ending with the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The delivery of the Ten Commandments and Mosaic Law found in Exodus chapter 19 to Exodus chapter 23 outline the standard of perfection that God required from his people and included the instructions about temple worship and sacrifices. This was the age of priests, prophets and Kings both good and evil.

BIBLIOLOGY

Dispensations in the Bible (continued).

(6) The dispensation of Grace. The dispensation of grace started at the resurrection of Jesus Christ and continues today. It is the new covenant in Christ blood. Luke 22:20. This is also called the age of grace or the church age. Atonement was provided on the cross once and for all, for everyone who would believe both Abrahams children and all those who have faith including Gentiles or non-Jews. Hebrews 10:10,14; Romans 5:1; Romans 3:29-30; Galatians 3:7,27. During this dispensation, we also have a comforter with us, the Holy Spirit of God who indwells believers. John 14:16-26. Dispensationalist believe that the church age will end with the rapture of the church. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Ephesians 3:2

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Dispensations in the Bible (continued).

(7) Millennial Reign of Christ. The millennial reign/Kingdom of Christ will begin with the defeat of Satan. Revelations 20:1-3 and ushers in 1000 years of peace, where Christ will reign on the earth. Revelations 20:14-15. This is the fulfilment of many prophecies declaring that Christ will return and will be King. After the 1000 years are ended, Satan will be released, some people will follow him in a battle against God and they will be defeated again. Revelations 20:7-10.

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Dispensations in the Bible (continued).

(7) Millennial Reign of Christ (continued).

There will be a final judgement of all people great and small. Revelations 20:11-15. The earth and heaven will be destroyed by fire. Satan will be thrown into the lake of fire and this will begin the eternal kingdom, the new heaven and the new earth.

Revelations chapter 21 and 22. Christ will wipe away every tears from their eyes and death will be no more neither shall there be mourning nor crying, no pain any more for the former things has passed away. Revelations 21:24

The Covenant between God and Man includes;

- (1) Edenic Covenant
- (2) Adamic Covenant
- (3) Noahic Covenant
- (4) Abrahamic Covenant
- (5) Mosaic Covenant
- (6) Davidic Covenant
- (7) New Covenant

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Divisions of the Bible

1. The Old Testament

The Old Testament is divided into four divisions

A. Pentateuch/Law/Torah - Genesis to Deuteronomy (5) –
Foundation for Christ

B. Hebrew History – Joshua to Esther (12) – Preparation For
Christ

C. Poetical Books - Job to Songs of Solomon (5) –
Aspiration for Christ

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Divisions of the Bible (continued).

1. The Old Testament

D. Prophetic books/Prophecy – - Expectation of Christ

Major Prophets - Isaiah to Daniel (5)

Minor Prophets – Hosea to Malachi (12)

2. The New Testament

The New Testament is divided into four different divisions

A. Gospels - Matthew to John (4) - Manifestation of Christ

Only Matthew to Luke refers to the Synoptic Gospel

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

2. The New Testament (continued).

B. Acts/Christian History - Acts of the Apostles (1) -
Propagation of Christ

C. Epistles - Roms to Jude (21) - Interpretation/Application
of Christ

D. Revelation -Book of Revelation (1) - Consummation in
Christ

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Names and titles of the Bible

1. The Scriptures(s) (Mark 12:10)
2. Holy Scriptures (Romans 1:2)
3. The Sacred Writings (2Timothy 3:16)
4. The Oracle of God (Romans 3:2)
5. The Word of God (Mark 7:13)
6. Precepts (Psalms 119:100)
7. Statutes (Deut 4:1)
8. Testimonies (Ps 119:99,168)
9. Commandments (Exo. 15:26; John 14:15,21)
10. Judgements (Deut 4:1)

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Materials used in writing and preserving the Bible

These materials were used by ancient people in writing the Bible and they are;

1. The clay
2. The stone
3. Papyrus
4. Vellum
5. Parchment (2 Timothy 4:13)
6. Codex
7. Stylus
8. Pen
9. Chisel

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Who are the writers of the Bible?

Bible believers hold the view that God wrote the Bible using human writers. The Lord God in his infinite wisdom used different people with different background to write the Bible. We have:

1. Farmer – Amos
2. Shepherds – Moses and Aaron
3. Government Leaders – Moses and Joshua
4. Civil Servants – Daniel and Nehemiah
5. Kings – David and Solomon

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Who are the writers of the Bible? (continued).

6. Musicians – Asaph

7. Prophets – Isaiah, Jeremiah and others

8. Professional Scribe – Ezra

9. Fishermen – Peter and John

10. Task Collector – Matthew

11. Teacher/Rabbi – Paul

12. Physician/Doctor – Luke

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Who are the writers of the Bible? (continued).

Not every book of the Bible specifies who wrote it, for example, the author of the book of Hebrews is unknown but was just ascribed to Apostle Paul.

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

The breakdown of the authors of the chapters of the book of Psalms

1. David	73
2. Asaph	12
3. Sons of Korah	11
4. Solomon	2
5. Moses	1
6. Ethan	1
7. Herman	1
8. Anonymous	49
Total	150

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Different versions of the Bible

1. King James version
2. New King James Version
3. New International Version
4. New Living Translations
5. English Standard Version

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Different versions of the Bible (continued).

6. The Amplified Bible
7. Christian Standard Bible
8. Good News Bible
9. Allman Standard Christian Bible
10. The Outline Bible

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Biblical inspiration

Inspiration is Reception and recording of truth. **Revelation** is Disclosure and unveiling of truth. **Illumination** is Discovering and understanding of truth. The following are essential elements of inspiration

A. Divine causality. God gave the revelation and men of God recorded the truth of faith.

B. Prophetic agency. God used prophets to write the scriptures

C. Written authority. The written authority of the Bible is a product of divine authority working through the prophets.

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

The **scope of inspiration** includes:

1. Inspiration of the writings, not the writers. Only the writing are inspired and not the writers (2 Tim 3:16-17).
2. Inspiration of the original, not the copies. Inspiration and consequent authority of the Bible does not automatically extend to every copy and translation of the Bible.
3. Inspiration of the teachings, not the contents of the Bible. It is highly essential to note that only what the Bible teaches is inspired and without error, not everything the Bible contains. The Bible contains records of many evil and sinful acts but condemn them.

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Canonization

Canonization is a rule, a standard, recognized by church fathers in the selection of inspired scriptures. Canonization is the process by which the Bible receives its final acceptance and approval by the church leaders. It is one thing for the Prophets to receive a message from God but it is another for that message to be recognized by the people of God.

Criteria for Canonization

How would one recognize an inspired book when one sees it?

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Criteria for Canonization (continued).

What are the characteristics that distinguish a divine declaration from the one from humans? There are several criteria involved in this recognition process as they include:

1. The Authority of “A Book”. Any book that bears claim of divine authority is often with the explicit “thus saith the Lord and if a book lacked divine authority, it is considered non-canonical and was rejected

2. The Prophetic Authorship of a Book. Inspired books come only through spirit-moved men known as prophets (2 peter 1:20-21).

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Criteria for Canonization (continued).

3. The Authenticity of a Book. What sort of message does it carry? Does it agree with other teachings already said? Any book with factual or doctrinal error cannot be said to have been inspired by God. God cannot lie hence His word must be true and consistent.

4. The Dynamic Nature of a Book. The word of God has dynamic features (Hebrews 4:12). If a book has life-transforming ability to impart on its readers, then God is behind the message but if it is otherwise, then the book is rejected from the canon.

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Criteria for Canonization (continued).

5. The Acceptance of a Book. If a book was received and used as Gods word by those to whom it was originally given, then its canonicity was established.

Apocrypha books

Apocrypha literally means hidden or concealed. They are collection of ancient jewish writings that were not considered as inspired but are still part of the Roman Catholic Bible.

Apocrypha books are

1. 1st Esdras
2. 2nd Esdras

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Apocrypha books (continued).

3. Tobit

4. Judith

5. The Wisdom of Solomon

6. Ecclesiasticus

7. Baruch (with the letter of Jeremiah)

8. The History of Susana

9. 1st Maccabees

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Apocrypha books (continued).

10. 2nd Maccabees

11. Bel and the Dragon

12. Song of the three young men

13. Additions to Esther

14. The prayer of Manasseh

15. Additions to Daniel

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Apocrypha books (continued).

These books were rejected as non-canonical for the following reasons:

1. Not used by Jesus or the first Century Church
2. Never quoted as scriptures
3. Church fathers recognized a difference
4. Not declared authoritative until 16th Century (Catholic Council of Trent in 1546)
5. Contain numerous inaccuracies

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

How was the Bible given?

It was given through:

1. An audible voice. Exodus 19:9-13
2. Angels. Acts 7:28; Hebrews 2:2
3. Prophets. Acts 3:21; Hebrews 1:1
4. Jesus Christ. Hebrews 1:1; Revelations 1
5. Apostles. Acts 1:2; Ephesians 4
6. Visions. Isaiah 6:1; Ezekiel 1; Daniel 7:8
7. Dreams. Matthew 2:12
8. Still small voice. 2 Kings 19:11-12; Ps 32:6

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

What should you do with the Bible?

1. Read it to be wise. Ps. 119:98-100
2. Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully
3. Believe it so that you will be saved. Acts 16:31
4. Practice it to be holy. Ps. 119:9
5. Meditate on it to be successful. Joshua 1:8
6. Study it to be approved of God. 2 Tim 2:1-13

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

How the Bible must be studied

Generally, Bible is a book of treasure, the stories in it are challenging as you read you become very rich in your spirit. The truth you need in the Bible can bring you peace, joy, power and new purposeful life. There are many methods open to the studying of the Bible but the following are used as guide.

1. Study as one Book
2. Study by Books.....Genesis, Numbers, John or Peter etc

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

How the Bible must be studied (continued).

2. Study by Books.....Genesis, Numbers, John etc (continued).

S/N	Bible Book	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
1	Genesis					
2	Exodus					
3	Leviticus					
4	Numbers					
5	Deuteronomy					
6	Joshua					
7	Judges					

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

How the Bible must be studied (continued).

3. Study by Chapters
4. Study by Verses and Words
5. Study by Topics
6. Study by Periods or Dispensations
7. Study by Biography etc

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

What you expect to know from the Bible

1. Mind of God. John 1:1; Jeremiah 29:11
2. State of man. Roman 3:23
3. Way of Salvation. Acts 4:12; Romans 3:24
4. Doom of Sinners. Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:14; John 3:36
5. Happiness of Believers. Luke 10; John 14:1-4
6. Light to cheer. 2 Corinthians 1:4
7. Jesus shown as its grand subject. John 5:39
8. It is designated for your good. Ps. 19:7-11

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

The importance of the Bible

1. It gives knowledge of God
2. It gives one the wisdom unto salvation
3. It shields one from committing sin
4. It reveals the purpose of God for humanity
5. It brings healing and deliverance
6. It increases our faith
7. It shows us the way to eternal life

BIBLIOLOGY

2 Timothy 3:16-17; Matthew 4:4; Ps 119:11

Some common features of the Bible

1. The Bible has 1,189 chapters
2. Consists 31,173 verses
3. Generally written in Greek and Hebrew (OT – Hebrew, NT-Greek)
4. Longest verse is Esther 8:9
5. Shortest verse is John 11:35
6. The Middle Chapter is Psalm 118

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Some common features of the Bible (continued).

7. The shortest chapter is Psalm 117
8. The largest chapter is Psalm 119
9. There are 929 chapters in the Old Testament
10. There are 260 chapters in the New Testament
11. Cardinal Hugo divided the Bible into chapters in 1236 AD
12. Robert Stephanus sub divided the chapters into verses
13. The book of Esther and Songs of Solomon has not got the word “GOD”

END OF BIBLIOLOGY

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