

God's Method of Teaching!



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We often say, *I'm asking God to show me and I'm listening*—and God shows us through His *Word*. If we are downcast, discouraged, or troubled over something—God tells us Psalm 147:3 that *“He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.”*

The Bible is a *divine Book* so only God can reveal its *divine Truth*. John 3:27 *“A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.”* Only God can open our spiritual vision to understand His Truth from Scripture. Jesus asked the Father to John 17:17 *“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”*

Millions *talk* about faith in God but do not *walk* in the light of His Truth—due to not allowing God to *teach* them His plan in His Word. We must be in a *position* to learn before anything *can* be learned! It takes *humility* and a *willingness* to listen with *any* type of instruction—and most importantly, we must have *confidence* in the author of the book.

The Bible is a hidden Book to the human mind. No matter how much education a person may have, spiritual Truth cannot be understood unless God opens our mind to it—that is *proof* the Bible is a divine Book and understood *only* by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

We can read through the Bible many times and be as interested as anyone could be, but the end result is that when finished, we do not understand the principle of Truth in the Word. We can

memorize verses and Bible facts, but God's Truth can still be unknown. Jesus said Matthew 11:25 *“I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent [learned], and hast revealed them unto babes.”*

Before reading the Bible, we should ask God to open our mind to the truths within—and then asking that He enable us to apply the principle of trust on Him. Matthew 18:3 *“Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.”* We ask God each time to show us something *new* in His *Word*.

For instance, the Bible does not give *direct* instructions on divine healing—like; *Thou shalt not take drugs or medication*, but when a person gives their life to God and allows Him to teach them spiritual truth, they will see that divine healing by faith in God is woven all through Scripture.

A person in their natural heart attitude—and regardless of their education—cannot *see* the divine principle on divine healing or financial trust. Such fundamental teaching is hidden from *the wise and learned*, but it is revealed to *children*—those who have put themselves in a *position* to learn it.

There must be a *conversion* to the attitude of a child—who learns quickly as they are so open to new information and because they are willing to accept what is told to them. *That* is how important it is to ask God to open our *mind* to receive new spiritual *light* whenever His Word is read.

It is our *responsibility* to trust God to teach us His Truth. We are to read the *Word* and to receive divine *light* from God Himself—that is true Bible study—and *that* is how one learns God's Truth—to *read* the Bible in our own room; to *pray* for enlightenment of the Scriptures, and to

have an *open mind* to apply every principle of truth the Holy Spirit shows us.

Any *advice* we accept from any source must be in *agreement* with the Word of God. Psalm 1:1 *“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel [or advice] of the ungodly.”* Satan is often disguised as an angel of light—he wants us to think it *is* divine light when it may not be. The Word will teach us what God wants us to know.

Satan uses suggestions to our mind that can be close to the Scriptures but with some deceit mixed in. The only *safe* guidance is direct advice from the Bible because the Word is the only thing the devil *cannot* change. He may *twist* it, but he cannot *change* it.

The devil tries to give some Scripture reference to have us follow his suggestions, but he always *twists* the true meaning of the Word. He even said to Jesus when overlooking the city. Matthew 4:6 *“If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written”*—twisting the correct meaning Psalm 91—*“He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.”*

We can *claim* divine protection, but we cannot deliberately *test* God's promise by intentionally placing ourselves in danger. We always need the *weapon of the Word* to combat the *lies of the devil*. It is why we Ephesians 6:11 *“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”* The sword of the Spirit is the *Word* of the Lord.

Following the first verse helps us obey the others. Psalm 1:1 *“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly”*—but accepts godly advice from the Word, since *s* *“The ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.”*

The Bible is our *guide* to our life in the Truth. Psalm 1:2 “His delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.” We live by all the words of Scripture—not only the Ten Commandments and the Psalms—but *all* of Scripture. The law of the *Lord* is the rule of our *life*—trusting Him every day to be *able* to forgive others. Our life is lived Matthew 4:4 “By every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

When we conduct our life by the instructions of the Bible, we prosper spiritually—and in other ways. Psalm 1:3 “He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.” That means being *contented* and *happy*—two things everyone seeks.

We read God’s Word because He *speaks* through His Book. The Bible is where His *Truth* is *written* and *learned* and *applied*. The entire *teaching* of the Bible—Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21—is that we learn how to *trust God* for everything in this life.

It always points to the *Word* of God—a Word that is used to combat the *lies* of the devil and the *plans* of this world. Our *weapon* is the *Word*. Advice of the world can deceive—Jesus said John 17:16-17 “They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”

Satan attempts to deceive us by suggestions to our *mind*. He is always placing some unscriptural thought; a wrong desire; worldly idea, or method to our mind—these suggestions and desires are always in opposition to the Word.

The deceptive part is, that these thoughts can seem to be our *own* thoughts. If we think it is our own *reasoning*, we can easily accept them as sensible—even though they are *not* scriptural and *not* according to the Word. The weapon we have is

the Word. If it is not according to *Scripture*, then it is from the *devil*! It is vitally important to *know* God’s Word by *reading* it every day.

Any suggestion, thought, idea, or plan that does not dovetail with God’s Word, is designed by the devil to deceive us. If we *knew* the suggestion, thought, idea, or method was from the devil, we would instantly *reject* it and *not* accept it. The problem is that we often do not *know* it is from the devil, so we *do* accept it.

Jesus warned about even a *believer* possibly being deceived. Matthew 24:24 “For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”

The serpent who deceived Eve is still deceiving people today. Revelation 12:9 He is “called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world.” We have to be very careful of any thought, idea, plan, or advice we accept—it *must* be in agreement with the *Word* of God.

The Deceiver directly tempted Jesus by saying Matthew 4:3 “If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.” It would be a *strong* temptation as Jesus was very *hungry*—after a long forty-day fast. The way *Jesus* answered is the way *we* have to answer when Satan attempts to deceive us by inserting a thought. Matthew 4:4 “It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

We are to Ephesians 6:14 “Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place.” The apostle knew that the comparison he gave would be understood by his listeners because a *belt* was part of Roman *attire*. A belt has to be *complete* if it is to be useful—if it is short, even by an inch, it is useless. *That* was why we are to

live by Matthew 4:4 “Every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

After a second attempt to deceive, the devil continues to *twist* Scripture, but Matthew 4:7 “Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.” The devil was not willing to give up after two failures, so he tries again. This time he would show Jesus all the kingdoms of the world from a high vantage point.

He says Matthew 4:9 “All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.” The devil is saying to the Lord—as he says to us today—if you will listen to *my* suggestion and follow *my* plan instead of following the Bible, you will be contented, successful, prosperous, and having everything anyone could want.

But if it is *not* according to the will and Word of the Lord, it is *not* true and will not be successful. We use the *weapon* of the Word to combat the *deceptions* of the devil. *Jesus* says to the devil what *we* must say to him Matthew 4:10 “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

We are to worship God only—nothing else, no interest, activity—nothing! We are to serve, trust, and depend only on the Lord our God—not trust any other policy, plan, or procedure. We use the *weapon* of the *Word* to strike a *crucial* blow to the *enemy* of our soul.

The *Word* of God is the *method* of God to teach us spiritual truths that lead to His Kingdom!



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