

# NEED HELP UNDERSTANDING LIFE?


- Where - or to whom – do you go to for help?
- ***Some answers:***
- ***No one! I can figure this out for myself!!!***
- ***My best friend – even though their life is a mess***
- ***An ‘expert’ – someone trained to help***
- ***A ‘veteran’ – someone who has survived well***


# HOW ABOUT A *TRUE EXPERT* IN ALL THINGS?


- The Creator of all things wants you to know Him!
- God has revealed Himself and all we need in the Bible:
- Just look at what Peter wrote:

## 2 PETER CHAPTER 1

- Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,
- To those who through the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ have received a faith as precious as ours:
- <sup>2</sup> Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

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- <sup>3</sup> His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. <sup>4</sup> Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

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- <sup>5</sup> For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; <sup>6</sup> and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; <sup>7</sup> and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love.

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- <sup>8</sup> For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

# GO TO THE BIBLE! ANSWERS FOR ..

- **Relationships**
- Work
- **Emotions**
- Behavior
- The big 'why's' – why **am I here?** Why **suffering?** Why **problems?**
- **Salvation & Eternal Life**

## WHY STUDY SCRIPTURE:

- <sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.



- <sup>16</sup> *All Scripture* is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and *training* in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for *every good work*.


- **2 Timothy 3.14-16**

# STRUGGLING WITH SIN?

- <sup>9</sup> How can a young person stay on the path of purity?  
By living according to your word.
- <sup>10</sup> I seek you with all my heart;  
do not let me stray from your commands.
- <sup>11</sup> I have hidden your *word in my heart*  
that I might not sin against you.
- **Psalm 119.9-11**

AND, IT'S BEEN TESTED AND PROVEN **RELIABLE!**

- One Example: **availability of ancient manuscripts**:
- *The quantity of New Testament manuscripts is unparalleled in ancient literature. There are over **5,000** Greek manuscripts, about **8,000** Latin manuscripts, and another **1,000** manuscripts in other languages (Syriac, Coptic, etc.).*

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- In addition to this extraordinary number, there are tens of thousands of citations of New Testament passages by the early church fathers. In contrast, the typical number of existing manuscript copies for any of the works of the Greek and Latin authors, such as Plato, Aristotle, Caesar, or Tacitus, ranges from one to 20.

- <https://bible.org/article/how-accurate-bible>

## 1.Help with: Relationships: Ephesians 2

- **2** Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.
- **3** Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

## 2.HELP WITH: **WORK**

- **Colossians 3:23:** Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, . .
- **I Timothy 5.<sup>8</sup>** But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

### 3.HELP WITH: EMOTIONS

- FEAR: good fear or bad fear?
- **Good fear: Proverbs 19:23:**The fear of the LORD leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm.


## HELP WITH: **EMOTIONS**

- **Bad Fear:** 2 Timothy 1:7: for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.
- **ANGER:** Ephesians 4. 26 “In your anger do not sin” :  
Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,
- 27 and do not give the devil a foothold.



## 4.HELP WITH: **BEHAVIOR: *SELF-CONTROL***

- <sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.<sup>12</sup> It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live *self-controlled, upright* and *godly lives* in this present age,<sup>13</sup> while we wait for the blessed hope—

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- the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

- **Titus 2**

## 5.THE BIG 'WHY'S' –

- Why am I here?
- Why suffering?
- Why problems?
- **Stay tuned ...**

## 6.HELP WITH: **SALVATION**

- **Acts 4.<sup>12</sup>** Salvation is found in *no one else*, for there is *no other name* under heaven given to mankind by which we *must be saved.*
- **Romans 10.<sup>13</sup>** for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord *will be saved.*”

# WHY STUDY THE BIBLE?

- It is necessary also to study Scripture in order to help others. You really can't help anybody else unless you know something they need to know. ***God never put a premium on ignorance.*** Your ignorance not only makes you unable to help yourself, but it makes you unable to ***help anybody else.***

- And Christianity is all about helping other people, isn't it? How best can you help a person in trouble? By showing them God's solution to their trouble. How best can you solve a person's problem? By knowing what the Bible says about their problem, and how to handle it. So you are able to help others when you know the Word of God.

- MacArthur, John. *Fundamentals of the Faith: 13 Lessons to Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of Jesus Christ* (p. 24). Moody Publishers. Kindle Edition.

# IGNORANCE IS NOT BLISS! IT'S COSTLY!

- Knowing the Bible is not optional, it is ***essential***, not only for the future, but also for the here and now!