

Why Study the Word of God

Purpose Statement

Studying the Bible is not just learning facts.

It is learning truth so we can live God's way.

Simple Teaching Paragraphs

Some people study to feel smart or to win arguments.

- God **does not ask** for that kind of study.
- God wants us to study so we will **obey** what He shows us.

Moses shows a picture of two trees in the garden.

Moses writes in **Genesis 2:9, 17**:

“And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree... the tree of life... and the tree of knowledge of good and evil... for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

This teaches us there is a difference between life giving truth and knowledge only.

Jesus taught that listening is not enough.

Jesus says in **Matthew 7:24 to 27**:

“Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them... built his house upon a rock... and it fell not... and doeth them not... built his house upon the sand... and great was the fall of it.”

When we study, **we should ask**, “How will I do this?”

Paul says study is part of our Christian job.

Paul writes in **2 Timothy 2:15**:

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God... rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Study helps us **know what God says** and not feel ashamed.

The Word of God also helps keep our hearts clean.

John writes in **1 John 1:7**:

“If we walk in the light... the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”

When we obey what we learn, God keeps us in the light.

Simplified Youth Version

Optional Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 2:15:

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

Matthew 7:24 to 27

“Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. .”

Youth Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think some people study for knowledge only?
 2. What is one Bible truth you can obey this week?
 3. How does study help you stay in the light?
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Youth Summary Statement

- Study the Bible to find **truth** you can live out.
- God blesses study that leads to obedience.