



Boldly Bringing a Biblical Perspective to Public Policy in the Land of Lincoln

Inspirational Quotes on Bible Reading

The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home.

— **Augustine of Hippo**

To read the Bible every day as an assignment leads to spiritual dryness; to read it every day with the intention of hearing from God leads to refreshment and an increasing spiritual hunger.

— **Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer**, Pastor Emeritus, The Moody Church in Chicago

The Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Failing to welcome its daily illumination explains why many Christians are stumbling and fumbling, and can't see where they're going, easily deceived in the dark.

— **Pastor Myles Holmes**, Revive Church in Collinsville

The word of God is essential in the Christian life. The Scriptures tell us that the renewing of our minds is one of the most important aspects of our sanctification and transformation (e.g. Ro. 12:2; Ps. 1:1). There is no greater agent, other than the Holy Spirit Himself, than the word of God in this process. Therefore, an ongoing and consistent immersion in the word of God is non-negotiable for the believer.

— **Pastor Joe Denner**, Alliant Leadership

Amos 8:11 speaks of a famine for hearing the words of the Lord. With all our devices, resources, and distractions we are in a time described by Amos. May the Lord awaken us so that we receive His truth each day above all that the world might try to offer.

— **Pastor Calvin Lindstrom**, Church of Christian Leadership in Arlington Heights

Your body needs food every day in order to remain healthy. Our hearts need daily spiritual meals as well. We get this essential meal when we read God's Word, the Bible. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). If it has been a while since you have enjoyed a "spiritual meal" by reading the Bible, today is the perfect time to start.

— **Rob Rienow**, Visionary Family Ministries

To seek to live successfully without the Bible is like trying to build an airplane without physics or engineering! The chaos and conflict we witness daily in America is largely the consequence of God and the Bible being removed from the culture. The nation will be radically transformed for good if every American reads and heeds the principles found in God's Word!

— **Rev. Thorin Anderson**, Parkwood Ministry Connections

God has given us such rich access to His precious, holy, never failing, always true written and revealed Word so it is truly tragic and indeed inexcusable to learn of widespread biblical illiteracy and errors (especially among many professing Christians). More than anything else by far Scripture reliably tells us of God's holy and faithful character as the worthy Creator Lord and it is the only revelation concerning the Lord's awesome plan of redemption to rescue sinners through His son Jesus Christ-the only Savior and hope of our nation (and all the nations). Consider that since the written Word is how we: learn of the person and the work of the Lord and Savior Jesus (John 5:39), are blessed (Psalm 1), are made holy (John 17:17), are protected from sin (Psalm 119:9-11), are spiritually fed (Matthew 4:4), are encouraged and given hope (Romans 15:4), are warned (1 Cor. 10:11), are equipped (2 Tim. 3:16-17), are not at the mercy of man's opinion (2 Pet. 19-21)-in light of all this (and much more!), consider then how glorified God would be (and blessed everyone of us along with our families, churches, neighborhoods, and whole nation would be!) if we resolutely committed to study, love, obey, believe, encourage others from, converse on the Word! Let it be so Lord and may it be that each one of us if someone were to cut us open would bleed bibline (as Charles Spurgeon once famously said was true of John Bunyan).

— **Pastor Brandon Myers**, Christ the King Reformed Baptist Church in Niles

God wonderfully inserts in the Bible for all of us to hear the intentions that lay behind all that is written that we might have a personal relationship with Him through Jesus Christ. Words are important and can hold great significance, but perhaps more important are the words of God... what we do with them, how we use them and how we respond to what God says. The world at its worst needs the church at its best and for us to be that church, we need the word of God dwelling richly in our lives every day!

— **Pastor Tim Throckmorton**, Family Research Council

You can trust the Bible. You will never be a great Christian until you come to the unshakable conviction that the Bible is the Word of God.

— **Pastor Adrian Rogers**, Love Worth Finding

I choose to believe the Bible because it is a reliable collection of historical documents written by eyewitnesses during the lifetime of other eyewitnesses. They report supernatural events that took place in fulfillment of specific prophecies and claimed that their writings are divine rather than human in origin.

— **Dr. Voddie Baucham**, Voddie Baucham Ministries

I never saw a useful Christian who was not a student of the Bible.

— **D. L. Moody**, Evangelist and Founder of The Moody Church in Chicago

The Word of God well understood and religiously obeyed is the shortest route to spiritual perfection. And we must not select a few favorite passages to the exclusion of others. Nothing less than a whole Bible can make a whole Christian.

— **A.W. Tozer**, American Pastor in the Christian and Missionary Alliance

The Word of God I think of as a straight edge, which shows up our own crookedness. We can't really tell how crooked our thinking is until we line it up with the straight edge of Scripture.

— **Elisabeth Elliot**, Christian Missionary, Author, and Speaker

Put your nose into the Bible everyday. It is your spiritual food. And then share it. Make a vow not to be a lukewarm Christian.

— **Kirk Cameron**, American Actor, Author, Evangelist, Television Host, Documentarian and Producer

Unless we form the habit of going to the Bible in bright moments as well as in trouble, we cannot fully respond to its consolations because we lack equilibrium between light and darkness.

— **Helen Keller**, American Author, Disability Rights Advocate, Political Activist and Lecturer

If I were the devil, one of my first aims would be to stop folk from digging into the Bible.

— **Rev. R.C. Sproul**, Founder of Ligonier Ministries

The very practice of reading [the Bible] will have a purifying effect upon your mind and heart. Let nothing take the place of this daily exercise.

— **Rev. Billy Graham**, Evangelist

Reading and understanding the Bible involves lots and lots of interpretation. Not just in light of the world and culture around us, but in reference to other parts of the Bible.

— **Pastor John Piper**, Chancellor of Bethlehem College and Seminary

I want to know one thing, the way to heaven: how to land safe on that happy shore. God himself has condescended to teach the way; for this very end he came from heaven. He has written it down in a book! Oh, give me that book! At any price, give me the book of God! I have it: here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be: "A man of one book."

— **John Wesley**, Theologian and Evangelist

I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this Book that you can by reason and the balance by faith, and you will live and die a better man. It is the best Book which God has given to man.

— **Abraham Lincoln**, 16th President of the United States of America

So great is my veneration for the Bible, that the earlier my children begin to read it the more confident will be my hopes that they will prove useful citizens to their country and respectable members of society.

— **John Quincy Adams**, 6th President of the United States of America

It is necessary for the welfare of the nation that men's lives be based on the principles of the Bible. No man, educated or uneducated, can afford to be ignorant of the Bible.

— **Teddy Roosevelt**, 26th President of the United States of America

If American democracy is to remain the greatest hope of humanity, it must continue abundantly in the faith of the Bible.

— **Calvin Coolidge**, 30th President of the United States of America

Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face.

— **Ronald Reagan**, 40th President of the United States of America

In the Gospels, Jesus teaches us that if we abide in His Word, we “shall know the truth, and the truth shall make [us] free.” He then warns us that devil is the father of lies (John 8:31-44). A few chapters later He tells us that He is “the way and the truth and the life,” and identifies the Word of God as the truth that sanctifies us (John 14:6; 17:17). Truth is so important that Jesus tells us the very reason He came into the world was to “testify to the truth” (John 18:37). That is why we are advised to “buy the truth, and do not sell it” in Proverbs 23:23. It is wise to acquire all the truth we can by reading and studying the Bible.

— **David E. Smith**, Illinois Family Institute