



THE BOOK

PART FIVE: TIPS FOR EFFECTIVE BIBLE STUDY

HAVE WE FORGOTTEN HOW TO READ?



"When was the last time you read a book? For almost 1 in 4 of us, it was more than a year ago, according to Pew Research. That's three times the number who didn't read a book in 1978. In America, we have a literacy problem. But more concerning to me, we have a biblical literacy problem. Americans, including churchgoers, aren't reading much of any book, including the Good Book. Christians claim to believe the Bible is God's Word. We claim it's God's divinely inspired, inerrant message to us. Yet despite this, we aren't reading it..."

"A recent LifeWay Research study found only 45 percent of those who regularly attend church read the Bible more than once a week. Over 40 percent of the people attending read their Bible occasionally, maybe once or twice a month. Almost 1 in 5 churchgoers say they never read the Bible—essentially the same number who read it every day. Because we don't read God's Word, it follows that we don't know it" ("The Epidemic Of Bible Illiteracy In Our Churches", Ed Stetzer, www.christianitytoday.com).

RECOGNIZE THE NEED

- Bible study is linked with discipleship (Matt. 28:18-20)
- Bible study affects salvation (Romans 1:16)
- Bible study shows you are approved by God (2 Tim. 2:15)
- Bible study is the “prescription” (1 Tim. 4:11)
- Bible study equips (2 Tim. 3:17)
- Bible study gives us a connection to the past (Luke 4:17-21)
- Bible study teaches lessons (Romans 15:4)
- Bible study builds faith (Romans 10:17)
- Bible study opens our eyes to the mystery of salvation (Ephesians 3:3-6)

An open book with handwritten text in Cyrillic script, likely a Bible, is shown in a close-up, slightly blurred view. The pages are yellowed with age. The central text overlay reads:

BIBLE STUDY:

Eternity is on the line!

**"I praise Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven
and earth, that Thou didst hide these things
from the wise and intelligent and didst
reveal them to babes"**

Luke 10:21

MORAL HONESTY

- “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments” (John 14:15);
- “If any man is willing to do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak from Myself” (John 7:17);
- “Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice” (John 18:37);
- “These are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance” (Luke 8:15).

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