



Colonial Beach
BAPTIST CHURCH
A Lighthouse for God

What To Do with the Bible

*“He who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully.
What has straw in common with wheat [for nourishment]? says the Lord.
Is not My word like fire that consumes all that cannot endure the test
and like a hammer that breaks in pieces the rock [of most stubborn resistance]?”
(Jeremiah 23:28-29 THE AMPLIFIED BIBLE)*

For starters, *read it over.*

Read it glacially . . . let My thoughts soak in like gentle April showers.
You can speed-read straw-books of human philosophy,
but don't race through timeless truths in the Book from Heaven.
Gulping down the devil's fast-food will give you indigestion . . .
slowly ingesting My words will satisfy your deepest hungers.
To sustain your life and energy . . . to spiritually nourish your soul . . .
maintain a steady daily diet of My sweet, strong words.

As you read Scripture, *think it through.*

Care enough to listen attentively to My whispers from eternity.
Get to know Me well enough to really hear what I'm saying to you.
Ponder unchanging reality . . . review lessons I've taught you . . .
find joy by obeying orders . . . walk in My light one step at a time.
Not knowing is ignorance; not knowing and not doing is paganism;
knowing and not doing is sin; knowing and doing is wisdom.
LIVE WHAT YOU LEARN.

Don't stop with gaining knowledge, or you'll be a half-wit.

Don't leave the Bible on a shelf . . . take it to the street.

Read My Word prayerfully . . . in the Spirit in which it was written.

Take it personally . . . ask yourself what I would have you to do,
attitudes that need refining in My fiery purifying crucible,
actions that need hammering into a more Christlike lifestyle.

Set in your ways? Don't miss the joyful inner journey of My way!

Still studying the blueprint? Start building the life I designed for you!

BEHAVE WHAT YOU BELIEVE.

Don't stop with treasuring My Word, or you'll be a hermit.

Don't leave the Bible in your wonder . . . take it to your world.

After you're read it over, thought it through, and prayed it in . . .

remember *to live it out.*

The Bible is a work book . . . equipping you to do good things.

The Bible is a textbook for life -- be sure to live by the Book.

For Heaven's (and Earth's) sake, don't copy the Pharisees --
memorizing Scripture, and missing the Savior . . .

teaching well and living poorly -- what a sad disconnect!

PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH.

Don't stop with telling others how to live . . . or you'll be a hypocrite.

Don't leave the Bible in a pew . . . take it to the public.

What will you do with the Bible -- take it or leave it?



Whispers from Eternity

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