

# Bulking Up: How to Read Your Bible

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## What is the Bible?

*All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness*

**2 Timothy 3:16**

\_\_ Books, \_\_ Authors, \_\_\_\_ Years, \_\_ Continents, \_\_ Languages, \_\_ Contradictions, \_\_ Coherent Theme

## Why read the Bible?

*But these are written so that you may believe Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and by believing you may have life in His name.*

**John 20:31**

## How to read the Bible effectively

**The Holy Spirit Illuminates truth:**

*When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth. For He will not speak on His own, but He will speak whatever He hears. He will also declare to you what is to come.*

**John 16:13**

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How to Read the Bible effectively-

A four step method:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Five Principles to Remember:

1. Context is Key
2. Pull information out, don't read information into the text
3. Simplest meaning is most often correct
4. Read the Bible literally
5. God's Word does not contradict itself

**Do you know truth and will you stand for it?**

*For the time will come when they will not tolerate sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, will multiply teachers for themselves because they have an itch to hear something new.*

**2 Timothy 4:3**

Are you reading your Bible for yourself?  
Will you know a lie when you hear it? Will you stand for Truth?