

Living Out God's Word in the *Real World*

- Luke 6:46, James 1:21-25

The Christian & the Book

- **2 Timothy 3:10-16, Luke 6:46**

**Why we cannot afford
NOT to read the Bible.**



Biblical Worldview

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1. Source of Truth & Wisdom
2. Ministry Training Manual
3. Basis of Our Faith

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is God-breathed ...

**A Christian who doesn't read the Bible
is like
a laborer who doesn't eat,
a traveler who has no map,
a soldier without a weapon,
a believer who doesn't believe, and
a child who doesn't enjoy being with
his father.**



PMC BIBLE MARATHON

One Book



Two Years



100 Sermons



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· HEAR IT · READ IT · LIVE OUT ·

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1. How are the daily Bible readings organised?

- We will be reading OT and NT books **alternately**.
- Various biblical **genres** have been spread **e.g. Gospels, Pauline Epistles, OT History and Prophets.**
- **Pairing** of OT-NT readings are done thematically where possible, **e.g. Genesis-John, Leviticus-Hebrews, Deuteronomy-Romans, Daniel-Revelation.**

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2. What is the link between daily Bible readings and weekly sermons?

> Total of **100 sermons** will be preached in **2 years**, covering *most* of the Bible's 66 books.

> Daily readings will be synchronised to sermons; e.g. when reading **Genesis**, **Sunday sermon will be preached from **Genesis**.**

> Aim -- provide a "deep and wide" appreciation of the Bible's message.

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c. Monthly “**How to read**” class

(“**Genesis**” - 24 Dec, 1.30pm)

d. **Training** and **Live-It-Out** guides for **Life Groups**

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Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the **word planted in you,** **which can save you.**

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Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately **forgets** what he looks like.

Deuteronomy 8:11

Be careful that you **do not forget** the Lord your God, failing to observe His commands, His laws and His decrees that I am giving you this day.

Deuteronomy 8:19

If you ever forget the Lord your God and follow other gods and worship and bow down to them, I testify against you today that you will surely be destroyed.

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Eccl 3:12-13

I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God.

Exodus 20:12

Honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

Proverbs 19:17

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done.

Luke 5:15-16

Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

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The Price of **DOING**
what we hear

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Doing God's Word

1. Peacemakers
2. Persecuted
3. Self-control
(Dealing with anger & lust)
4. Love enemies
4. Forgiving others
4. Trusting God
(Dealing with Worry)
7. Generosity
8. Withholding judgment

Cost of Doing

1. Misunderstood?
2. Ostracised & Ridiculed
3. Suffering – unsatisfied emotions/desires
4. “It’s not fair!”
(Sense of injustice)
5. Bearing the hurt, injured pride/ego
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Mark 10:28

Then Peter began to speak up.

**“We’ve given up everything to follow you,”
he said.**

Mark 10:29-30

“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

BLESSINGS of Living Out God's Word

- **Sleeping well at night (Ps 127)**
- **Able to enjoy the simple (and inexpensive) things in life (Eccl 3:13)**
- **Happy and wholesome relationships at work and at home (Jn 13:34-35)**
- **Conscience clear before God (Acts 24:16)**
- **Having enough to give to others and be a blessing (Matt 10:8)**

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➤ Together

Overcoming the **GAP**

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5 Key Areas

1. **Biblical Integrity**

Honesty in workplace

1. **Biblical Justice**

Treatment of “aliens”

2. **Rest (4th Comd)**

Overworking

4. **Honor (5th Comd)**

Caring for aged parents

5. **Submission to Authority**

Increasing self-centeredness & critical spirit

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