

O For a Thousand
Tongues to Sing



How to Read the Bible

Part 5: Reading the Bible for Life

The Nuts and Bolts of Reading the Bible

1. What is the Bible?
2. The Bible's grand story: creation, crisis, covenant, Christ, Church, coming of Christ
3. The art of interpretation: five step method for Bible study.

Read the Bible for life:

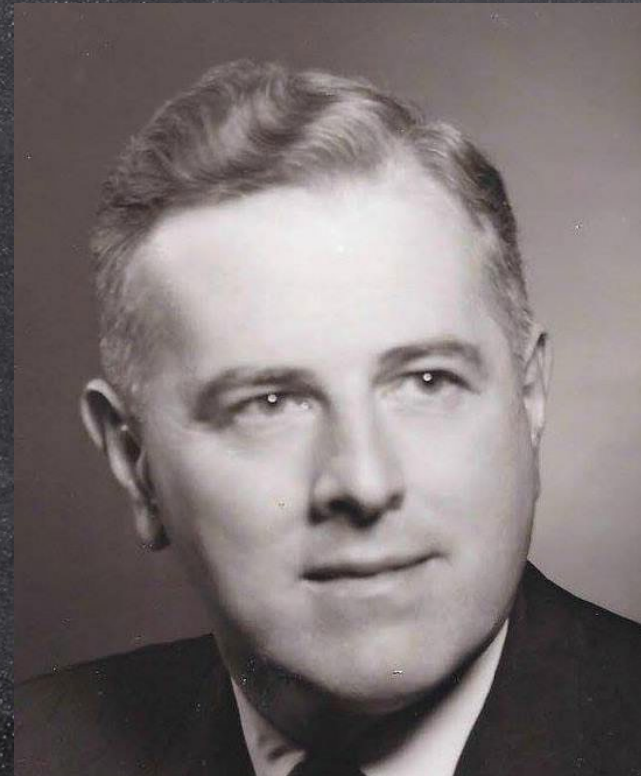
1. Read the Bible for the rest of your life.
2. Read the Bible in order to have life.

A tale of two Bible readers...

Reads the Bible for
Information



Reads the Bible for
Transformation



We do not read the Bible to
know more about God, we
read the Bible to know God.

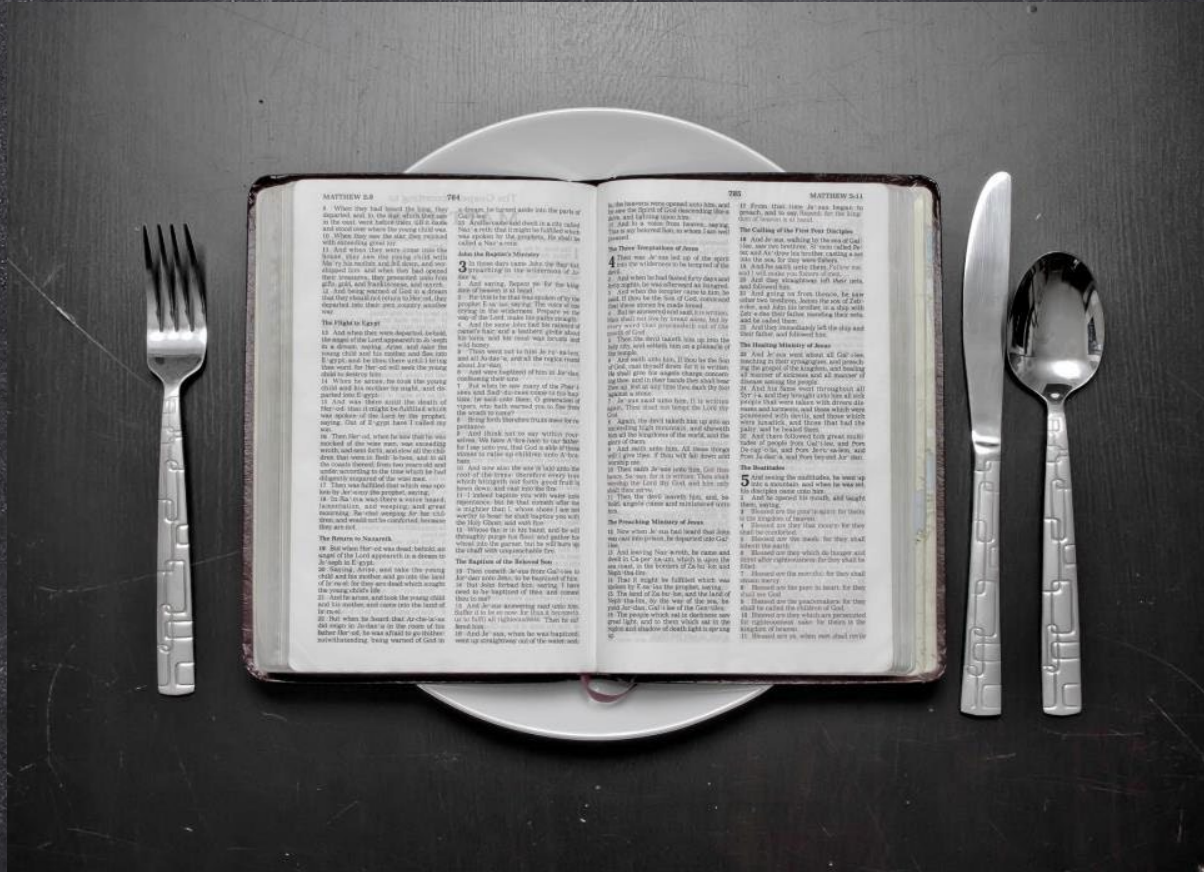
Reading the Bible is an act of love:

1. You listen to the people you love.
2. God loves us enough to let us talk back.



The Bible is food for our souls:

"Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord" (Deuteronomy 8:3)



Revelation 10

The vision of
the angel
and the
scroll



Revelation 10:8-10
(New International Version)

Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me once more: 'Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.' So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll.

He said to me, "Take it and eat it. It will turn your stomach sour, but 'in your mouth it will be as sweet as honey.'" I took the little scroll from the angel's hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour.

The Bible Moths

- John Wesley
- The Word of God is "the only sufficient rule of faith and practice."
- "Spread scriptural holiness..."



Lectio Divina

- "Spiritual reading"
- Feasting on the Word
- Reading, meditating, praying, living



Matthew 11:25-30
(New International Version)

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

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