

YOUR PERSONAL GPS: GOD'S WORD, THE BIBLE

"God's word is a light not only to our path but to our thinking. Place it in your heart today, and you will never walk in darkness." – Joni Eareckson



SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Psalm 119:105

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."

Matthew 24:35

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

Hebrews 4:12

"For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

Psalm 119:89

"Your word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens."



THE GPS: TRANSFORMING HOW THE WORLD FINDS ITS WAY

The Global Positioning System — or GPS — has transformed how the world finds its way. It's no secret that the popularity of GPS has made it a standard feature in many cars. What originally began as a government experiment, is now a reliable technology source that provides the directions you need to help you reach your desired destination.

Much like a GPS, God's Word transforms how people find their way. It gives you **direction** and helps you to arrive from point A to point B on your journey. God's Word is essentially your own personal **GPS**.



It **Guides, Protects,** and causes **Spiritual Growth.**

God's voice **GUIDES** your heart and tells you when to make left and right turns throughout your journey. At times you may take a *detour*, and God may say, "recalculating" but His Word will always provide direction to get back on track.

SOMETHING TO ASK YOURSELF...



Do you trust the Words of God as much as you listen to the directions of your Garmin, Magellan or TomTom? Is it easier

for you to depend on the voice in your GPS more than to rely on God's voice to help you reach your ultimate destination?

God's Word provides a road map for living that **PROTECTS** you from wrong relationships, bad decisions, and distractions. The Bible is your rule and guide for living. It is like an **owner's manual** on how to live and enjoy life. It teaches you a way to live out your life in accordance with His will.

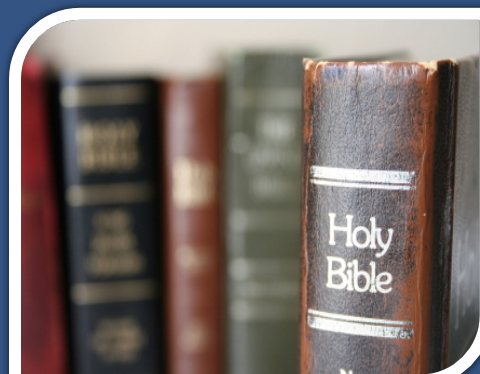
As you begin to read the Word, it gives you insight into the lives of many people who have lived before you and tells stories of both successes and failures. The Word clearly provides you with what is wrong living, (sin) and what is right living (holiness). Choosing to live right (holy) will **protect** you from getting off track, which would ultimately lead you to eternal separation from God.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- 📄 [How to Study the Bible](#)
Kenneth Copeland
- 📄 [Why Believe The Bible?](#)
Jeremy Lyon
- 📖 [Does Archeology Support the Bible?](#)
Dr. Randall Price
- 📖 [Are Errors in the Bible?](#)
Dr. Ed Gravely
- 🎵 [Thy Word](#)
Maranatha Singers

DID YOU KNOW?

The word Bible means book. It contains sixty-six separate books of various literary forms, such as letters, history, narrative, epic poetry, song lyrics, and apocalypse, but all with one theme. God compiled this book over a period of 1500 years, from 1400 B.C. to A.D. 100. Its forty authors included shepherds, fishermen, warriors, priests, prophets, kings, a physician, a scholar, and a cupbearer. Such a diverse literature of truth affecting every generation of every culture, nation, and tribe could only be put together by the hand of God.





Staying on track comes through **SPIRITUAL GROWTH.** God's Word has **power.** It produces faith; it changes your thinking and causes a **transformation** in your life; it supplies everything you need for spiritual life and development as a Christian. God's Word contains promises for everything you need. Through His Word, God speaks to you and works in your heart and mind.

So you now know the importance of reading the Bible, your personal GPS, but how do you practically **apply** it?

There is no right or wrong method to applying the Word. To apply something means to *put into operation or effect*. This would be impossible to do if you did not believe in it. You must allow the Holy Spirit to make the Word a **reality** in your heart. Realize the **integrity** of God's Word, and as you read, **reflect** on how the Word applies to your everyday life.

The **application** is the
activation for
YOUR PERSONAL GPS.

SOMETHING TO REFLECT ON...

As learned in Week 1, communication is key. You communicate with words on a daily basis. Whether it is songs on the radio, television, newspapers or Internet, words saturate your world. However, not all words are alike. Man-made words are one thing, but God-inspired words are something entirely different.

In the world you live, things are constantly changing and few things will ever remain the same. The Twin Towers were demolished in a matter of minutes; your favorite park across the street may be turned into a shopping center in the next decade. Even the friendships and people you love may come in and out of your life. But one thing you can be sure of is...

The Bible will never change. Its message will stand true forever, and its words will speak to your heart each time you read it.