

This is what the Lord says:

“Stop at the crossroads and look around.

Ask for the old, godly way, and walk in it.

Travel its path, and you will find rest for your souls.

But you reply, ‘No, that’s not the road we want!’”

Jeremiah 6:16 (NLT)

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE VALUE OF THE BIBLE

1. DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ITS POWER

For the word of God is alive 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.

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness

2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

2. DON'T UNDERESTIMATE ITS BENEFITS

- A light that will guide me

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

Psalms 119:105 (NLT)

How can a young person stay on the path of purity?

By living according to your word.

I seek you with all my heart;

do not let me stray from your commands.

I have hidden your word in my heart

that I might not sin against you.

Psalms 119:9-11 (NIV)

- A sword that will protect me

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:17 (NRSVUE)

After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

*‘He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”*

Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Matthew 4:2-11 (NLT)

- A mirror

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.

James 1:23-24 (NIV)

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