



HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP TO GOD'S STANDARD OF RIGHT AND WRONG?

Can you really know during your lifetime if you will be allowed into Heaven after you die? To determine if you are good enough to make it to Heaven, take a look at the Ten Commandments ([Exodus 20:1-17](#)) and see how well you have followed them. These laws were set up by God as a code of conduct we need to live by. How well do you think you have followed them? Take a moment and review the commandments and judge for yourself how well you would do on Judgment Day.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. You must not have any other god but me.

When we worship anyone or anything except the one true God, we violate this law. If we love anything – watching TV, sports, a hobby, our spouse, our children, or even our own lives-more than we love God, we are setting our affection on the gift rather than the gift Giver, which means that we are guilty of breaking the First Commandment. In fact, the Bible says that we should love God so much that our love for our family should seem like hatred compared to the love we have for the God who gave those loved ones to us.

Have you loved God with all your heart? If not, you have committed the oldest sin in the Book. You be the judge. Have you always loved God above everything else in your life? ([Matthew 10:37](#)) If not, you have broken the first commandment.

2. You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind.

This means that we shouldn't make a god to satisfy ourselves, neither with our hands or with our mind. Have you made a god in your mind that you're comfortable with - where you say, "My god is a loving god who would never send anyone to Hell"? Perhaps your god doesn't mind a "white" lie or telling a story here and there - in fact, he doesn't have any moral standards at all. In reality, that god doesn't exist; he's an imagination of your mind. We sometimes define God in our own pre-conceived idea of what He should be like. We want His ways to fit our lifestyle. Have you created a god that is okay with certain sins that you feel are okay to commit?

If your god is not the One revealed in the Bible, then you have made an image of God to satisfy yourself, something the Bible calls idolatry. If your god doesn't match the one in the Bible, you have broken the second commandment.

3. You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Have you ever taken God's name in vain—using it disrespectfully, like "OMG," "GD", "Jesus Christ", or in place of a four-letter word to express anger or disgust? Even Hitler's name wasn't despised enough to use as a curse word. If you have taken the holy name of the God who gave you life and used it in that manner, that is a sin, and the Bible says, *"The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name."* ([Exodus 20:7b](#)).

If you have used God's name or His son Jesus' name lightly and irreverently, you are guilty of breaking the third commandment.

4. Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

God has blessed each one of us with 7 days in a week to enjoy life, all that He ask is that we set aside 1 day a week to honor Him. Going to church is not about getting your attendance gold star, nor is it about gaining God's favor for the week because you assembled together with His people. Church is not a place to go, rather it is a living body where God wants you to become a part—for your good and His glory.

God Says- *"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near".* ([Hebrews 10:25](#))

If you are not honoring God by going to Church and worshiping Him with other believers then you are guilty of breaking the fourth commandment.

(10 of many reasons to go to church—even when you don't feel like it)

5. Honor your father and mother.

Did you always respect, honor, and obey your parents growing up? Have you always honored them regardless, treating them in a way that's pleasing to God? This doesn't mean you honor them only if you think they are good parents. We are to respect and obey them just because they are our parents. Ask God to remind you of the sins of your youth. You may have forgotten them, but God hasn't. He may require of you to go back and apologize to them if they are still alive, and if not, you need to make it right between you and God.

Did you know that this is the first Commandment that has a promise attached to it?

1 *Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do.* **2** *"Honor your father and mother."* *This is the first commandment with a promise:* **3** *If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth."* ([Ephesians 6:1-3](#))

If you have disrespected your father and mother in any way, you have broken the fifth commandment.

6. You must not murder.

You don't have to physically kill someone to commit murder. The Bible warns that if we are angry at someone without cause we are in danger of judgment, and that *"Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart."* ([1 John 3:15](#)).

We can violate God's Law by our attitude and intent.

Have you broken this Commandment by holding a grudge or hatred toward someone? If so, God sees you as guilty of murder, and "no un-forgiven murderer can go to Heaven." When we hate somebody or get angry with someone without just cause, we violate this command. If you have done that, you are guilty of breaking the sixth commandment.

7. You must not commit adultery.

Who of us can say that we are without sin? God has seen every thought you have had and every sin you have ever committed. The day will come when you will have to face His Law, and we are told that the impure, fornicators (those who have sex before marriage), and adulterers will not enter the kingdom of God ([1 Corinthians 6:9-10](#)).

This is a command against having sexual relations with anyone other than your spouse. In addition, Jesus said that whoever looks at someone and lusting after them has committed adultery in their heart ([Matthew 5:28](#)). Doing so breaks the seventh commandment.

8. You must not steal.

Taking anything at all that belongs to someone else without permission is stealing. We also can steal by lying on our taxes, illegally downloading music on the internet, or by stealing when we ride the clock on company time (being unproductive on our job). Have you ever taken something that didn't belong to you, regardless of its value? This includes stealing an answer on a test, taking supplies or tools from work, even keeping extra change that you know isn't rightfully yours. If you've taken anything that isn't yours, then you are a thief-and you cannot enter God's kingdom ([1 Corinthians 6:9-10](#)).

Stealing anything proves us guilty of the eighth commandment.

9. You must not testify falsely against your neighbor.

Have you ever told a lie? Then that would make you a liar. You may not think deceitfulness is a serious sin, but God does. *"The Lord detests lying lips"* ([Proverbs 12:22](#)), because He is a God of truth and holiness. The Bible warns that all liars will have their part in the Lake of Fire ([Revelation 21:8](#)).

You can also bear false witness by withholding the truth, gossiping or slandering someone. If you have, you have broken the ninth commandment.

10. You must not covet.

When we desire anything or anyone that belongs to someone else, we are coveting. Doing so breaks the tenth commandment.

You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person (covetous man) will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. ([Ephesians 5:5](#)).



Jesus summarized the ten commandments this way:

“37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” ([Matthew 22:37-40](#))

INNOCENT OR GUILTY?

So, how well have you followed these commandments? If God were to judge you based on these commandments on Judgment Day, do you think you will be declared innocent or guilty? Will you be sent to Heaven or Hell? When you compare yourself to other people, you may think you are a very good person. But remember, we will be judged based on God's standard, not our own. You don't have to break all these laws to be a lawbreaker. All it takes is one sin ([James 2:10](#)) to be declared guilty and to deserve Hell. If we are honest, most of us would have to admit to breaking God's laws hundreds if not thousands of times.

JUSTICE MUST BE SERVED

You may think that because God is good, He will overlook your sins. If you tried that in a court of law, any good judge will punish you for your crimes--even if your good deeds far outweighed your bad deeds. Any righteous judge will make sure that justice is done and will punish you for your crimes. Think about how much more righteous God is. God knows every single wrong thought and deed you have ever committed and you will be

accountable. If God is truly good, He must punish liars, murderers, rapists, thieves, adulterers, fornicators, drunkards, blasphemers, and those who have lived in rebellion to God.

[\(1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Revelation 21:8\)](#)

FAIR PUNISHMENT

The penalty for rebellion against God is eternity in Hell (separation from God forever). Perhaps that seems too harsh if you don't consider yourself as bad as other people. Your sin is judged so severely because you sinned against a Holy God who gave you life. Keep in mind that doing good deeds will not help you escape judgment because the law has already been broken.



HAVE YOU DONE ENOUGH?



How many things on the list have you done? Some may say, "I can check off all of them" I'm definitely going to Heaven. Others might say, "I've only done five but that should be enough to get me by." What if you only done one thing on your check list? Will you still

make it into Heaven? The truth is, it really doesn't matter how many good things you've done, because none of those things will save you from God's judgment. Are you surprised?

It's tempting to think we can repay God for the bad things we do (our sins), and earn a place in Heaven by doing good works. But the Bible says, *8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.*

[Ephesians 2:8-9\(NLT\)](#)

DO OR DONE?



Someone has said there are really only two religions in the world: one of them teaches "I must do", and the other proclaims "It is done". One of them is our attempt to reach up to God, but the other reveals God reaching down to rescue us. The Bible tells of God's love in sending His only Son, Jesus, to put away our sin and take upon Himself the punishment we rightly deserve.

We read that *"God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners".* [Romans 5:8\(NLT\)](#)

As Jesus laid down His life, *"He cried out, "It is finished"* ([John 19:30](#))

Jesus Christ has done it all. What can we possibly add to the perfect work of God's perfect Son?

GOD'S WAY



When the Apostle Paul summarized the way to Heaven, he described it as *"repenting from sin"* and *"having faith in Jesus Christ"*. [Acts 20:21\(NLT\)](#)

What is repentance? It is waking up to the fact that our ways are wrong, and agreeing

with God that His way is right.

God says *"No one is righteous – not even one".* [Romans 3:10\(NLT\)](#)
and *"the wages of sin is death"* [Romans 6:23\(NLT\)](#)

We need to align our thoughts with God's; we must recognize that we are sinners, and abandon any idea that we can save ourselves.

What does it mean to have faith in Jesus Christ? It is taking Him at His word – fully trusting in what He has done to wash away our sins, and simply resting in what He has promised.

Jesus said, *"I tell you the truth, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life."* [John 5:24\(NLT\)](#)

Jesus told her, *"I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying."* [John 11:25\(NLT\)](#)

YOUR CALL



Are you going your way or God's way? None of us are good enough to earn forgiveness and eternal life; likewise, none are too bad for Him to save. Jesus has promised: "those the Father has given me will come to me, and I will never reject them". John 6:37(NLT)

Now is the time for you to repent and believe. Call out to God today!

The Bible says, *"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*
[Romans 10:13\(NLT\)](#)

HOW TO KNOW YOUR GOING TO HEAVEN



9 If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. [Romans 10:9-10\(NLT\)](#)

A Simple Prayer of Faith

"Dear God, I am a sinner. I'm sorry for my sin; please forgive me. I believe Jesus Christ is Your Son and that He died for my sins and You raised Him to life. I want to invite Him into my heart to take control of my life. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen".

If you prayed this prayer above and accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior the next step will be for you to find a good "Bible Believing" Spirit Filled Church in your area that teaches the Word of God and start attending. Ask questions and get into the Word and read the bible for yourself.

Please feel free to contact me if I may be of help in your new found faith in Jesus. God bless! **Pastor Roger and Debbie Fyock**



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Who of us can say we are not guilty of breaking the 10 Commandments? All of us have sinned, and just as with man's law, you only have to break one law to be guilty.

The Bible warns, *"For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God's laws. "* ([James 2:10](#)).

Illus. A little girl was once watching sheep grazing and thought how white they looked against the green background. But when it began to snow she thought, "The sheep now

look dirty against the white snow!" It was the same sheep, but with a different background.

When we compare ourselves to man's standard we look pretty clean, but when we compare ourselves to the pure snow-white righteousness of God's standard, His moral Law, we can see ourselves in truth: that we are unclean in His sight. The Bible says it is appointed for men to die once and then face judgment, and that Law is the holy standard by which humanity will be judged on Judgment Day.

To be good enough to go to Heaven, we must be perfect-in thought, word, and deed. So on the Day of Judgment, will you be innocent or guilty of breaking God's Law? You know you will be guilty. This may sound strange, but the worst thing you could do at this point is to try to clean up your lifestyle; you may realize that you have sinned and think that from now on you will keep the Ten Commandments, do good deeds, say the right things, and think only pure thoughts. But should a judge let a murderer go because he says he will now live a good life? No; the criminal is in debt to justice and therefore must be punished. Perhaps you think that God is good and will therefore overlook your sins. But if you were guilty of terrible crimes in a civil court and said to the judge, "Judge, I am guilty but I believe you are a good man and will therefore overlook my crimes," the judge would probably respond by saying, "You are right about one thing; I am a good man, and it's because of my goodness that I am going to see that justice is done, that you are punished for your crimes." The very thing that many people are hoping will save them on Judgment Day, God's goodness, will be the very thing that will condemn them. If God is good, He must punish murderers, liars, thieves, etc., and God's place of punishment is the "prison" of Hell.

What a terrible place Hell must be!

Illus. If you hear that a man received a \$5 fine for a crime, you could conclude that his crime was insignificant. But if he received the death sentence, you could conclude that his crime was heinous.

In the same way, we can catch a glimpse of how despicable sin must be in the sight of an utterly holy God by the punishment given for it: "*The wages of sin is death*" ([Romans 6:23](#)) and eternity in Hell.

Ungrateful humanity never bothers to thank God for His wonderful blessings of life, color, light, food, joy, beauty, love, and laughter, so He will take those blessings away from them. Instead of showing their gratitude by obeying Him, they use His name to curse. Their punishment will be just and severe to the uttermost.

According to the Bible, Hell is a place of eternal, conscious torment, *"For the worms that devour them will never die, and the fire that burns them will never go out."* ([Isaiah 66:24](#)); there is *"weeping and gnashing of teeth,"* and *"eternal fire."* ([Matthew 22:13](#); [Matthew 25:41](#)).

To better understand how much God loves you and wants you to make Heaven your home one day and not Hell and to make clear what an incredible thing He has done for you, let's look again to civil law:

Illus. You are standing in front of a judge, guilty of very serious crimes. All the evidence has been presented and there is no doubt about your guilt. The fine for your crime is \$1,000,000 or life imprisonment, but you haven't two pennies to rub together. The judge is about to pass sentence . . . he lifts his gavel, when someone you don't even know steps in and pays the fine for you. Justice has been served, the law has been satisfied, and you are now free to go. What's more, the one who paid your fine showed how much he cares for you. His payment was evidence of his love.

That's what God did for you, 2,000 years ago. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to pay your death penalty in your place. Jesus died on the cross on your behalf, so that you could live. You are guilty; but, He paid the fine. It is that simple.

The Bible puts it this way, *"But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing."* ([Galatians 3:13](#)) . . . *"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."* ([Romans 5:8](#)).

It was no small thing for Jesus to die for us. The only thing that would satisfy the demands of a Righteous God was the shed blood of the sinless Son of God. What love God must have for you! Jesus suffered unspeakable agony, so that you wouldn't have to be punished for your sins. Then three days later He arose from the dead, defeating death. His sacrificial death and resurrection mean that you need no longer be in debt to the Law, and God can now grant you everlasting life if you obey the gospel.

What should you do now? Simply repent (turn from your sins) and put your trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. Don't put it off; you may not have tomorrow - 150,000 people die every 24 hours.

Can you see your predicament? You are guilty of sinning against God Himself, and because He has given you a conscience, you know right from wrong. "Conscience" means "with knowledge," so isn't it true that every time you lied, stole, etc., you did it with

knowledge that it was wrong?

Does the fact that you have sinned against God scare you? It should. You have actually angered Him by your sin. The Bible says His wrath abides on you, that you are an enemy of God in your mind through wicked works. But let fear work for your good, in the same way that a fear of jumping out of a plane mid-flight would make you put on a parachute. Let your will to live open your heart to the gospel, the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ.

THERE IS HOPE

After reading all of this you may feel pretty ashamed, full of guilt, regretful of your past and doomed eternally. That is because God gave us a conscience to convict us of our sins. But, there is good news. God showed amazing love and sent His son Jesus Christ to pay the price for the sins of those who believe in Him by dying on a cross ([John 3:16](#); [Romans 5:8](#)).

Then, on the third day He arose again from the dead to conquer death, hell and the grave. He lived a sinless life and died in your place. His death satisfied the wrath of God ([John 3:36](#)) that was meant for you. The way you respond to these facts will determine where you spend eternity (Heaven or Hell).

Illus. Think of a man who has committed adultery. His faithful wife is more than willing to take him back, so what is the attitude in which he should approach her? It should be one of tremendous humility, asking for forgiveness, and determining in his heart never to even think of committing adultery again. That's how you should approach God.

AN INCREDIBLE GIFT

Remember, you can never earn a place in Heaven by performing good works, but only by God's grace ([Ephesians 2:8-9](#)). None of us deserve to go to Heaven.

The Bible says *that* “*When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags.*” ([Isaiah 64:6](#)). Heaven is a gift from God because of His incredible mercy, kindness and grace. ([Romans 6:23](#))

ACT NOW ON YOUR BELIEFS

Perhaps you agree that you are guilty of breaking God's laws and you believe that Jesus Christ died on a cross for your sins. It isn't enough to just believe these things are true

[\(James 2:19; James 2:20\)](#). You must now put your belief into action. You may be thinking that you will wait until after you die and ask God for His forgiveness then. At that point it will be too late and you will be sent to Hell (separated from God forever).

HOW TO RESPOND

You must repent (turn away) from your sins and personally put your trust in Jesus Christ as the One who paid the price for your sin and arose again to defeat death and redeem mankind. Confess to God that you broke his law and ask for forgiveness for sinning against Him. Trust Him as your Lord and Savior. You will be born again and *"become a new person. The old life will be gone; and a new life will begin!"* ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#)).

If you are not sure how to pray, read ([Psalm 51](#)) and make it your prayer. Turn from your sins and put your faith in Jesus Christ in the same way you would put your faith in a parachute to save you. You don't just "believe" it will benefit you, you actually entrust your life to it by putting it on.

The Bible says, *"clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ."* ([Romans 13:14](#)). When you do that, God will forgive every sin you've ever committed and grant you the gift of eternal life. Then read the Bible daily and obey what you read.

6 GREAT REASONS TO READ THE BIBLE EVERYDAY!

Is there anything more important than knowing that if YOU died Today that YOU would wake up in HEAVEN to live with GOD forever throughout ETERNITY?

By the way, someone cared enough about you to give you the tract that lead you to this website. Show God you love others by doing the same for them.

God bless you – Roger Fyock

10 Reasons Why I need to go to Church

Even when I don't feel like it.

1) To Hear the Preaching/Teaching of the Word of God

If the word of God is quick, powerful, and sharper than a sword ([Hebrews 4:12](#)), then hearing the preaching of Scripture is vital to your spiritual well-being.

2) To Participate in Corporate Worship

Worshipping God alone is wonderful, but nothing can replace the beauty of coming together corporately to worship Him with others who also have His Spirit in them through the redeeming work of salvation.

Jesus said, *“those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”* ([John 4:24](#)).

3) Because Iron Sharpens Iron

That is what ([Proverbs 27:17](#)) tells us. Meeting regularly with other believers is a source of encouragement and strength. But know this: when iron rubs against iron, not only does it become sharper, it also causes sparks! It's just part of the process.

4) To Exercise Your Gift

From preaching to encouraging, hospitality to administration, God equips His children with gifts to serve Christ. ([1 Corinthians 12](#); [Romans 12:6](#)). When a church body is healthy, its members realize they are part of the congregation not only to receive but also to give and be a blessing.

5) To Encourage Your Pastor

The pastor's heart of the Apostle Paul comes through when he says, *"3 Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. 4 Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, 5 for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. 6 And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

7 So it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favor of God, both in my imprisonment and in defending and confirming the truth of the Good News." (**Philippians 1:3-7**).

Can't you just hear Paul's affection for these precious people who partnered with him in spreading the glorious gospel of grace?

In the same way, when you become a partner in ministry with your pastor you bring joy to his heart, grow his love for you, and cause him to joyfully thank God for your faithful service to Christ.

6) To Find Godly Mentors

In the church you'll discover many people who have walked the road ahead of you. Their wisdom, insights, and even vulnerability to teach you from their mistakes is one way God provides to help you grow. ([Titus 2](#)) is a great place to learn how much God values mentorship. It is His plan for the older men and women to come alongside of the younger to train them in godliness, and guide them toward building a life of no regrets.

7) To Teach Your Kids to Love the Church

If you want to teach your kids to love God, they need to see that you love God. And if you want them to learn to love God's people, they have to observe you loving God's people.

(**Luke 6:40**) says *"the student who is fully trained will become like the teacher."*

Notice Jesus didn't say the student will become as the teacher teaches him to be, rather he will be like his teacher. The chances are your kid's and grandchildren will follow in your footsteps.

8) To be a Light to Your Community

Jesus said the world will know we are His disciples by our love for one another, so of course Satan wants to destroy any sense of love and community in the body of Christ. When you commit to loving God and loving others, the light shining from your Christ-honoring love is what the Spirit can use to draw others to know Jesus.

9) To Bear Each Other's Burdens

(Galatians 6:2) teaches us to *"Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ."*

Life can be hard, right? In a moment everything can change. Just when things are going great, a phone call, diagnosis, or a host of other mishaps can leave you feeling afraid and alone. But to those who are a part of a church family never feel alone. When life is going great, they have the affirmation of others. And when life throws a curve, they're blessed by loving concern, support, and prayer.

10. Because God Says To

(Hebrews 10:25) says, *"let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."*

I don't think the writer of Hebrews could make it any more clear God's desire to have you regularly assemble together with His people. Realize that God wanting you to regularly attend church is for your good. He wants you, and His people, to encourage and lift one another especially as the days grow darker and the time of Christ's return approaches.



6 Great reasons to read the Bible Everyday!

There is a tremendous power available to us in God's Word. Do you make use of this power in your life? Do you read the Bible – God's Word?

Here are 6 reasons you should pick up a Bible today

1. It contains God's will for our lives.

"What is God's will for my life?" There is no Bible verse that explicitly tells us what profession to pursue, where to live or whom to marry. But, nonetheless, the Bible's exhortations, guidelines, commandments and encouragement give us very concrete and infallible insight into God's will for us in every aspect of life.

Paul writes that *"All Scripture is inspired by God ..."* ([2 Timothy 3:16](#)).

In some translations it even says that Scripture is God-breathed.

Have you ever thought about this? The Bible is inspired by God Himself! It is His Word, containing His wisdom, His goodness, His intentions, His judgments, His heart. Have you been so interested in understanding God's will that you spend time with His very own Word?

2. It is food for our Soul.

Imagine that you go a day without eating anything. Then a week. And a month. As time

goes on, you become weaker and weaker. Our bodies need nourishment to live. And it's the same in our spiritual lives.

It is through our spirit we can have contact with God. Our spirit is what will enter eternity and it needs nourishment to be alive and awake to the will of God.

Jesus said, *“People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”* ([Matthew 4:4](#)).

He also says, *“The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.”* ([John 6:63](#)).

3. It gives us discernment.

The author of Hebrews writes, *“For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.”* ([Hebrews 4:12](#)).

As human beings, it is natural to seek our own ([Philippians 2:21](#)), so it isn't easy for us to discern between good and bad. Our natural judgments are often tainted by our own personal opinions, emotions and experiences that go against God's good and perfect will.

But, God's Word cuts through all of this; it separates out all self-seeking in our lives and determines what is truth and righteousness. “

Does not my word burn like fire?” says the Lord. “Is it not like a mighty hammer that smashes a rock to pieces?” ([Jeremiah 23:29](#)).

God's Word is powerful; it is full of authority. It is a holy two-edged sword that divides between our will and the will of God, a fire that consumes impurity and a hammer that has power to demolish all innate sin! Don't you desire to make use of this Word in your own life?

4. It instructs us in how to live right.

“How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word.” ([Psalm 119:9](#)).

“16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.” ([2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)).

The Bible contains all the instruction that we need to come to a life of true purity and righteousness. It teaches us how we can follow Christ in truth. It contains words and examples from heroes of faith, prophets, apostles, Jesus Christ and God Himself! What better teaching, what better instruction is there for those who want to live a life that is well-pleasing to God our Creator?

5. It contains power to overcome.

After we have made the firm decision to serve God with all our heart and refrain from sinning against Him, we will still experience temptation in our lives.

James says that *“Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away”*. ([James 1:14](#)).

It's clear from the Bible that Satan makes use of these natural lusts and desires. He tries to get us to disobey God's will, by offering things that appeal to us naturally: honor, riches or self-satisfaction. He even tempted Jesus, trying to get Him to give into arrogance, pride and self-serving.

But, for each temptation Jesus faced, He had a counterattack. And every single counterattack involved God's Word.

“Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’” ([Matthew 4:1-11](#)).

Do you also have a counterattack for every temptation that you face in life? Do you fill yourself with God's Holy Word?

Paul writes, *“Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God ...”* ([Ephesians 6:17](#)).

The Bible, God's Word, is a weapon. It is a sword that gives us power and authority to overcome in the midst of temptation. Why not pick up this sword today?

6. It is full of God's promises.

And finally, not least of all, the Bible is full of extraordinary promises. It speaks of the all things that belong to the God-fearing!

“Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give fruit from the tree of life in the paradise of God.” (**Revelation 2:7**).

According to one account, there are **3573 promises** in the Bible. As you know, the Bible is full of God's promises to help in every time of need to those who live according to His will. Are you seriously interested in these precious promises? Do you want to see what God does, and will do, for those who live according to His will? Then, by all means, pick up your Bible! It will tell you of all the promises that can be yours, both in this life and in eternity, if you do the will of God.

Take time out of YOUR busy schedule and spend about 15 minutes a/day reading the Bible (in doing so, you will have read through the entire Bible in just 1 year.) And besides that,

“It will change your life and those around you forever”.