



PRAYER

Heavenly Father,  
Thank You for Your Word, which is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Give me a heart that hungers and thirsts for Your truth, that I may seek You daily and delight in Your wisdom. Lord, guard my heart from distractions and draw me deeper into Your presence through Scripture. Let Your Word shape my thoughts, renew my mind, and guide my steps. May I not just read it, but live it, love it, and be transformed by it. In Jesus' name, Amen.

OPENING QUESTION  
(OPTIONAL)

Can you think of a time when someone's words deeply impacted you—either positively or negatively? How did those words shape your thoughts, actions, or faith?

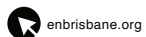


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## WORD

103 How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!  
104 Through your precepts I get understanding;  
therefore I hate every false way.  
105 Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.  
106 I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,  
to keep your righteous rules.  
107 I am severely afflicted;  
give me life, O Lord, according to your word!  
108 Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O Lord,  
and teach me your rules.  
109 I hold my life in my hand continually,  
but I do not forget your law.  
110 The wicked have laid a snare for me,  
but I do not stray from your precepts.  
111 Your testimonies are my heritage forever,  
for they are the joy of my heart.  
112 I incline my heart to perform your statutes  
forever, to the end.

127 Therefore I love your commandments  
above gold, above fine gold.

### Psalm 119:103-112, 127 (ESV)

## REFLECTION

John Wycliffe (1330-1384), was a man devoted to making God's Word accessible to all. At a time when the Bible was locked away in Latin, Wycliffe believed that Scripture should be in the hands of everyday people—not just the clergy. His relentless passion led to the first English translation of the Bible, paving the way for future reformers like Martin Luther and William Tyndale.

Wycliffe's commitment to God's truth over human traditions cost him dearly. Though he died peacefully in 1384, his teachings were condemned, and years later,

his bones were dug up and burned as a symbol of rejection. Yet, his influence could not be erased. His work laid the foundation for the Bible we now freely read and cherish today. His life reminds us that God's Word is worth fighting for.

Here is what we believe about Scripture, We believe God has spoken through human authors in the Scriptures, the sixty-six canonical books of the Old and New Testaments. The Bible is the only written, verbally inspired Word of God and is self-attesting, unchanging, and without error in all it affirms. As God's authoritative, infallible, and sufficient revelation for life, doctrine, and practice, the Bible is to be trusted and obeyed. (Every Nation statement of faith)

1. The Bible is God's inspired word.

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17, English Standard Version

16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God[a] may be complete, equipped for every good work.

- The early Church recognised the Holy Spirit inspired these texts. The writings were not just human witness and wisdom but they are documents produced by the Holy Spirit through the participation of human authors. God continues to reveal himself through the Biblical texts, which have enduring spiritual power.

2. The Bible is authoritative.

- Hebrews 4:12-13, English Standard Version

- 12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

- The writer of Hebrews was concerned that some of his fellow Jewish Christians were in danger of abandoning their faith and commitment to Jesus Christ. Because the Holy Spirit spoke through the human authors of scripture, the Bible speaks with God's authority. God's authoritative word given to us as scripture is good for our souls. It defines what is good and pleasing to God and what is evil and harmful to us.

3. The Bible is trustworthy and without error in all that it affirms.

- 2 Timothy 2:15, English Standard Version

15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved,[a] a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

- Paul was willing to endure great suffering and even martyrdom for those who were being saved in Jesus Christ. He wrote from prison urging Timothy to serve others by teaching them the truth of God's word. Because the Bible is divinely inspired, it is trustworthy in all that it affirms. No one should shy away from reading and studying scripture to avoid misinterpreting it because it's central message and many of its great truths are understandable, even to young children.

4. The Bible is sufficient for all we need.

- Romans 15:4, English Standard Version

4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

- Paul wrote to the Roman Christians to help the Jewish and Gentile believers grow together in their salvation in Jesus Christ. Though their backgrounds and cultures were very different, Paul pointed them to the scriptures to learn how to live and fulfill God's calling together. He believed that the scriptures were sufficient to guide all of God's people to live their lives worthy of the Lord Jesus and glorify God. The Bible is adequately clear and sufficient to provide us with the knowledge necessary to have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ and to live a life pleasing to Him. It is clear, understandable, and self-authenticating (it interprets itself commonly expressed in the statement "Scripture interprets Scripture").

5. The Bible is to be obeyed.

- John 14:21, English Standard Version

21 Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.

- Jesus spoke with his closest disciples the evening that he was betrayed, arrested and executed. He spoke to them about the future with a deep love for them, reassuring them he would go before them to the Father in heaven. Yet, he would not leave them as orphans but would come to them again, sending the Holy Spirit to be with them to enable them to obey his commands. Obedience to the clear teaching of scripture is obedience to God. Jesus said if you obey my commands, we will abide in his love and be his friends. Those who keep even the least of God's commands and teach others to do the same will be called the greatest in God's Kingdom.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean for you that Scripture is inspired by God and how does that influence your thinking?
2. How should the authority of Scripture shape the way we live and make decisions?
3. What are some practical ways the we can be more reliant on the scriptures for shaping and forming our lives?
4. How can we use scripture more effectively when helping someone follow Jesus?
5. How can we better use the Bible to engage and address a contemporary issue?

### Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, Thank You for the gift of Your Word—living, active, and powerful. Stir our hearts with a deep hunger for Your truth. Open our minds to understand, our hearts to receive, and our hands to obey. Let Your Word shape our thoughts, transform our actions, and align us with Your will. In Jesus' name, Amen.