



**Educate
+ Engage**



THE THREE-
LEGGED STOOL



Leg 2 - The Bible

OVERVIEW

The Bible is not just a historical book or a spiritual reference manual, it's the living Word of God, essential for a strong walk with Christ. As the second leg of our spiritual stool, the Bible holds up our faith by offering truth, guidance, and the voice of God in written form. Without the Bible, we have no reliable foundation.

Prayer connects us to God. The Word tells us who He is and how we're meant to live. It's not enough to own a Bible, we have to open it.

Scripture Passage

II Timothy 3:16–17 (NKJV)

16. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness

17. that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Matthew 4:4 (NKJV)

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "

Psalms 119:105 (NKJV)

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

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)

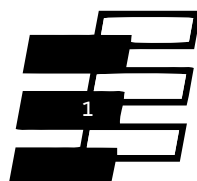
For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

James 1:22 (NKJV)

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

EDUCATE

Reading the Bible isn't about checking off a religious box; it's about building a solid foundation. The world is loud with opinions, influences, and distractions. If you're not grounded in truth, you'll end up drifting. Reading the Bible is not optional; it's essential.



Point 1: The Bible shows us who God is.

Everything begins with God. Before you can trust Him or follow Him, you have to know Him. The Bible is the clearest way God reveals Himself. From Genesis to Revelation, it tells the story of His character, power, love, justice, and mercy. Without it, we form our own version of God based on feelings or culture, and that version will always fall short.

When you read the Word, you discover who He really is, not just who you think He might be.

The Bible also shapes how we think and live. We live in a time where everyone is told to “live your truth.” But God never intended for us to make up our own version of truth. The Bible gives us real truth—truth that stands through time, temptation, and trial.

Romans 12:2 tells us to “be transformed by the renewing of your mind,” and that renewal comes through God’s Word.

When you read the Bible regularly, you start to think differently. Your values change. Your perspective on relationships, identity, success, and purpose shifts to match God’s design. The Bible doesn’t just inform you; it transforms you.

Point 2: The Bible gives us strength in the fight.

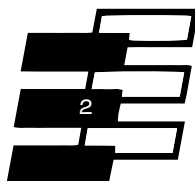
Life is spiritual, and we are in a spiritual battle. Ephesians 6 calls the Word of God “the sword of the Spirit.” Jesus modeled this in Matthew 4 when He was tempted by Satan. How did He fight back? With Scripture. “It is written,” He said. If Jesus used the Bible as His weapon, shouldn’t we?

When you’re anxious, the Bible reminds you of God’s peace.
When you’re tempted, it reminds you of God’s promises.
When you’re insecure, it reminds you of your identity in Christ.

The Bible is your arsenal for every spiritual battle you face.

Point 3: The Bible strengthens our connection to God.

Every time you open the Word, you’re positioning yourself to hear from God. The Bible isn’t just ink on paper; it’s alive, and through it, God still speaks today. He speaks through His Spirit and through His Word, and often the two work hand in hand.



The more time you spend reading Scripture, the better your heart becomes at recognizing the sound of His voice. You begin to sense His leading, His correction, and His comfort, not just during your Bible time, but throughout your day. When you're praying, worshiping, or even walking through a tough moment, verses you've read begin to surface in your spirit. That's how the Word works. It plants truth in you that the Holy Spirit brings to life at just the right time.

When you're grounded in Scripture, your conversations with God become deeper. You don't just bring Him your thoughts, you begin to understand His thoughts. His Word becomes a filter for your decisions and a foundation for your faith.

In short, reading the Bible daily doesn't just help you know about God; it helps you know God more personally.

Closing

The Bible isn't just a book. It's the second leg of the stool that supports your entire spiritual life. Without it, you won't have the strength or clarity to stand when life gets confusing or hard. Scripture helps you know who God is, how He speaks, and what He wants for your life. It corrects, encourages, equips, and anchors you in truth when the world tries to pull you in every direction. If you want a faith that lasts, the Word has to become a daily part of your life. Strengthen this leg, and your walk with God becomes more steady, more confident, and more unshakable.

ENGAGE

- Why do you think it's easier to scroll social media than to open the Bible?
- What's one verse or passage that's impacted your life personally?
- What would change in your life if the Bible became a daily priority?

This week, pick a short book of the Bible like Philippians or James. Read or listen to one chapter each day and highlight one verse that stands out. After reading or listening, write a one-sentence prayer based on what you learned.

Bonus challenge: Share one verse with a friend and tell them why it stuck out to you.

