

# **Stick with the Bible**

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## I. Introduction - the Bible and Scripture memory.

- A. The Bible is a holy book.
- B. The Bible has an impact on people's lives.
- C. It claims to be from the Lord God Himself.
- D. Apostle John, John Wycliffe, William Tyndale, Martin Luther and others all were involved in scenarios where the Scripture was at the center of the battle.
- E. The key issue is whether the Bible has authority or not. Satan undermines believers and Christianity by threatening the Word of Christ and the Person of Christ that stand together.

## II. Reasons to stick with the Bible.

- A. We have what was originally written.
  - 1. We do not have original manuscripts but this is good because people would worship them or easily forge them.
  - 2. We have manuscripts, versions, and commentaries of the early fathers to reproduce the original documents accurately.
  - 3. You can read the Bible and memorize it with confidence.
- B. It is remarkably consistent with itself.
- C. It is consistent with history.
- D. It is consistent with life.
- E. This is the authoritative Word by faith, obedience and use.
  - 1. This does not take the place of reason.
  - 2. The primary trouble with the Bible is heart trouble.
  - 3. Faith is first of all in Jesus Christ, and He gave His stamp on the Bible.
  - 4. The Holy Spirit gives us a conviction that the Bible is from God Himself.
  - 5. Every Word of God proves true when you obey it. (Proverbs 30:5)
  - 6. We do it, and then we will know it. We obey our way to faith.

III. You can come to know the Bible through Scripture memory.

- A. We see and remember what we are interested in.
- B. The Word is hidden in the heart so that he might not sin against God.
  - 1. Scripture memory does not guarantee victory over sin.
  - 2. Scripture memory gives the means for victory. (Ephesians 6:17)
  - 3. It is okay to take a saying out of the Scripture - the whole Bible is an armory.
- C. Scripture memory helps to meditate upon the Word. (Psalm 1)
  - 1. Scripture memory does not make you prosperous.
  - 2. Scripture memory gives you the means by which to meditate. Meditation makes one prosperous. (Psalm 94)
- D. Scripture memory is for personal guidance. (Psalm 119:105)
  - 1. It takes the light and puts in on one's pathway.
  - 2. It mends the broken spirit.

**Application questions**

- 1. Which three reasons to stick with the Bible stand out to you? Explain.  

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- 2. Why is Scripture memory so important?  

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- 3. What can you do this week to develop a consistent habit of Scripture memory?  

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