he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant. (I Kings 8:56).

15. If you look into it, it will give you a perfect reflection of yourself.

For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: (James 1:23).

16. It is more tasty to eat than the sweetest of honey.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. (Psalms 19:10).

17. It is a tool to overcome any and every addiction.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. (Psalms 119:9). Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. (Psalms 119:11).

18. It can render your strongest enemy totally helpless.

Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him. (Matthew 4:10-11). And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Ephesians 6:17).

19. If you plant it in proper soil, it will grow miracles.

The sower soweth the word. (Mark 4:14). And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred. (Mark 4:20).

HOW TO READ:

1. For a new Believer, you may want to start with the Gospel of John. John uses simple, short sentences. He gives a simple message of who Jesus is and the Love of God.

2. Psalms and Proverbs can be read to face daily life circumstances. David in the Psalms shares his struggles and his victories. Solomon puts truth for daily living in a nutshell.

3. The book of Romans is great for studying basic doctrines of the Christian faith.

4. If you are looking for material on God's grace, the book is Galatians is for you.

5. Reading straight through the Bible is a <u>discipline</u> and is of great value, especially if you can read it aloud.

An Additional Fact

Most of the Bible was written by <u>men</u>. For example, there was a leader of a nation, a captain of an army, kings, prophets, ordinary fishermen, a physician, a tax collector, and a scholar. See: II Peter 1:21.

Final Note

The Devil, your enemy, will do everything he can to keep you from reading the Bible.

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Real Men read the Bible

Jesus, in the above graphic, is pictured in the synagogue reading from the Isaiah scroll (Luke 4:16-21). Jesus was a rabbi who had studied extensively what we know as the Old Testament. Jesus not only <u>read</u> the Scriptures, but also <u>memorized</u> them, <u>meditated</u> on them, and <u>applied</u> them to daily living. He often quoted from the Scriptures throughout his ministry.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That <u>the man of God</u> may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works" (II Timothy 3:16-17).

A CHALLENGE READ IT!

1. It was used by God to create the worlds and all that is in the them.

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God,

so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. (Hebrews 11:3).

2. It is many time more valuable than its weight in gold.

The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver. (Psalms 119:72). Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold. (Psalms 119:127).

3. It gives off a brilliant light that never burns out.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. (Psalms 119:105). For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: (Proverbs 6:23).

4. It is hard enough to break the hardest of rocks (man's heart).

Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? (Jeremiah 23:29).

5. If you grab hold of it, it can give your the strength of a "Superman".

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (Romans 10:17). And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. (Mark 11:22-23).

6. It is sharper than the knife of a surgeon and can cut that which no other instrument can cut.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12).

7. If properly use it can make you very, very intelligent.

The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple. (Psalms 119:130).

8. It can make you much wiser than all your enemies.

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. (Psalms 19:7). Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. (Psalms 119:98).

9. It will never wear out no matter how old it gets (by content).

For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you. (I Peter 1:14-25).

10. It has no flaws in it, so it will never have to be recalled or changed.

The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. (Psalms 12:6).

11. It will give the ability to get an abundance of wealth.

Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. Wealth and riches shall be in his house: and his righteousness endureth for ever. (Psalms 112:1-3).

12. It is the strongest medicine known and can heal any disease.

He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. (Psalms 107:20). Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. (Proverbs 4:21-22).

13. It can make you live much longer than you would otherwise.

My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. (Proverbs 3:1-2).

14. If it is used as directed, it has a 100% guarantee to work every time.

Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever. (Psalms 119:160). Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that