

Tools of the Trade: The Bible

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What is the Bible?

1. The Bible is the manger that holds the Savior.

“This will be a sign for you: You will find a baby wrapped in clothes and lying in a manger.” Luke 2:12

2. The Bible is an owner’s manual.

“All scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness. so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Tim. 3:16-17

3. The Bible is a lie detector.

“You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? . . .” Galatians 3:1

4. The Bible is a sword.

“ . . . the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” Ephesians 6:17

5. The Bible is a love letter.

“How beautiful you are, my darling! . . . You have stolen my heart. . my bride. . . . How delightful is your love.” Song of Songs 4:1, 9-10

6. The Bible is a locker room pep talk.”

“ . . . Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.” Romans 15:4

The leaders of the Reformation in the sixteenth century equated God’s word with bread – that would mean that it is necessary for Christian life.

Some ideas about reading the Bible

1. Underline themes with four color pens
2. Underline with colored pencils
3. Listen to the word with an app.
4. Start by Reading 5 minutes a day
5. Journal as you read
6. Join Bible study
7. Bible in a year
8. Pray the scriptures
9. Spend most time in the New Testament
10. Underline Old Testament highlights