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³¹ Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, “We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. ³² He will be delivered over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him and spit on him; ³³ they will flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.”

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³⁴ The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about.

LUKE 31:34 NIV

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Reasons for not reading the Bible:

1. Too complicated

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The Bible is the story of God's rescue plan for all of humanity through his son Jesus.

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E. ALL OF THE ABOVE

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What is the Bible?

A. Poetry: Songs, reflective poems = 6%

B. Rules: Laws, letters, sermons = 24%

C. Prophecy: Fulfilled & yet to be fulfilled = 27%

D. Stories: Historical narrative, parables = 43%

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Reasons for not reading the Bible:

- 1. Too complicated**
- 2. Too old and irrelevant**

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The Bible is:

- ▣ **Inspired:** God is the author

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¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷ God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 NIV

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²⁰ Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, ²¹ or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

2 PETER 1:20-21 NIV

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⁸ “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. ⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰ As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish,

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so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

ISAIAH 55:10-11 NIV

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- ▣ **Alive:** The Bible reads us

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“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

HEBREWS 4:12 NIV

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Reasons for not reading the Bible:

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- 2. Too old and irrelevant**
- 3. Too selfish**

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How to understand the Bible:

“For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.”

EZRA 7:10 NIV

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How to understand the Bible:

1. Commit

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⁷ Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. ⁸ For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. ⁹ This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance.

1 TIMOTHY 4:7-8 NIV

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How to understand the Bible:

- 1. Commit**
- 2. Meditate**

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⁷ “Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

JOSHUA 1:7-8 NIV

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How to understand the Bible:

- 1. Commit**
- 2. Meditate**
- 3. Live**

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²⁴ “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

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²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom,

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and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

JAMES 1:25 NIV

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How to understand the Bible:

- 1. Commit**
- 2. Meditate**
- 3. Live**
- 4. Share**

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¹² In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³ while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it,

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¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, ² but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. ³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.