



A BETTER LIFE, PART 3

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**How to Find Direction and Meaning
to Make Your Life Better**

1. GOD _____ YOU _____ HIS WORD.

I rejoice in your word like one who discovers a great treasure.

Ps. 119:162

*Jesus replied, "But even more blessed are all
who hear the word of God and put it into practice."*

Luke 11:28

*"Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and
night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will
you prosper and succeed in all you do."*

Joshua 1:8

*When he sits on the throne as king, he must copy for himself
this body of instruction on a scroll....*

Deuteronomy 17:18

2. READING THE BIBLE IS HOW TO _____ JESUS.

*Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and
all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things
concerning himself.*

Luke 24:27

*"You search the Scriptures because you think they
give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!"*

John 5:39

*I passed on to you what was most important and what had also
been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures
said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day,
just as the Scriptures said.*

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

*"But Abraham said, 'If they won't listen to Moses and the prophets,
they won't be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.'"*

Luke 16:30-31

*"You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul,
and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment.
A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'
The entire law and all the demands of the prophets
are based on these two commandments."*

Matthew 22:37-40

3. YOU WILL BE HELPED BY _____.

But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets.
1 Corinthians 2:10

"When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, 'The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.'"
John 16:13–15

And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth. As a result, many Jews believed, as did many of the prominent Greek women and men.
Acts 17:11–12

SOME PRACTICAL GUIDELINES

The modern translations (NLT, CEB, NIV, CSB, ESV) are all good.

There's no prize for _____.

Read for _____.

Follow the _____.

The footnotes aren't _____.

Use your _____:

Genre: is this history, wisdom, prophetic counsel, poetry?

Who but our God is a solid rock? Psalm 18:31

What is the author's intent?

"Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them." Luke 10:34

SUGGESTED STARTING POINTS

Jesus' biographies, about 10 verses a day (one year).

The book of Psalms, one psalm ("chapter") a day (six months).

The book of Proverbs, one chapter a day (one month).