

Ephesians - The Armor Of God The Sword of the Spirit

“The word of God is so powerful it transforms men from the realm of falsehood to that of truth, from the realm of darkness to that of light, and from the realm of sin and death to that of righteousness and life. It changes sadness to joy, despair into hope, stagnation into growth, childishness into maturity, and failure into success.” – John MacArthur

Ephesians 6:10-18 (NIV)

What Does The Word Of God Do In Our Lives?

•Our source of truth

2 Timothy 3:16-17 2 Peter 1:20-21 Isaiah 55:11

•Our source of spiritual growth

Hebrews 4:12

•Our source of happiness

Luke 11:28

•Our source of victory over Satan’s attacks

Mathew 4:1-11

•Our source of comfort

Romans 15:4

•Our source of guidance

Psalm 119:105

Why Is It Called The Sword Of The Spirit?

God’s word is most powerful when the Holy Spirit can bring it into our minds and hearts while we are in the battle.

John 14:17, 26 – Jesus said, “I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. ¹⁷ He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. ²⁶ When the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.”

Psalm 119:11-16 I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. ¹² I praise you, O Lord; teach me your decrees. ¹³ I have recited aloud all the regulations you have given us. ¹⁴ I have rejoiced in your laws as much as in riches. ¹⁵ I will study your commandments and reflect on your ways. ¹⁶ I will delight in your decrees and not forget your word.

Learning, Using, and Mastering God’s Word

Below are three levels of spiritual growth along with resources for each level. Determine which level you are in and use the resources to grow in your faith. You will find books, podcasts, YouTube videos, authors, pastors and websites that will help you understand the Bible.

Beginners

The Bible - New Living Translation

Preaching/Teaching – Search for David Jeremiah, Gary Hamrick, Charles Stanley, Tony Evans, Robert Jeffress, Greg Laurie, Skip Heitzig. Adrian Rogers

Books – What Every Christian Should Know by Robert Jeffress
Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis

Podcasts – Until Sunday with Pastor Ben

Websites – gotquestions.org answersingenesis.org

YouTube – The Bible Project

Books of the Bible to read and study – Genesis, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, James, 1 John, Psalm, Proverbs

Intermediate

The Bible – New International Version, English Standard Version, New King James
Preaching/Teaching – Mike Winger, Chuck Swindoll, Warren Wiersbe

Books – Evidence That Demands A Verdict by Josh and Sean McDowell
Basic Theology by Charles Ryrie
Living By The Book by Howard & William Hendricks

Podcasts – Christ and Culture

Websites – North American Mission Board Apologetics (namb.net/apologetics)
Into The Word (intotheword.ca)
biblethinker.org

Books of the Bible to read and study – Exodus, Joshua, Acts, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Timothy, 1 & 2 Peter

Advanced

The Bible – New American Standard Version

Preaching/Teaching – John MacArthur, Voddie Bauchum, Justin Peters, Leighton Flowers, R.C. Sproul, Albert Mohler, A.W. Tozer

Books – Bible Doctrine by Wayne Grudem
Christian Theology by Adam Harwood

Websites – Secret Church (radical.net/secret-church-events)

Books of the Bible to read and study – Isaiah, Romans, Hebrews