

# What Makes a Christian Strong?

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*Psalm 1*

**You have an INCREDIBLE \_\_\_\_\_ in your hands.**

The \_\_\_\_\_ is the key to the Christian life.

1) The believer is to \_\_\_\_\_ in Hearing God.

2) The believer is to \_\_\_\_\_ on What God Has Said.

*The message of Psalm 1 is:*

**Whatever most informs your \_\_\_\_\_ will shape your life & future.**

**Matthew 4:4** » Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

## **Three benefits of regularly consuming the Word:**

**2 Timothy 3:15-17** » <sup>15</sup> and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

1) Consuming Scripture's truths is the means of \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Consuming Scripture's truths results in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalm 119:9-11** » How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your Word. <sup>10</sup> With my whole heart, I seek You; let me not wander from Your commandments! <sup>11</sup> I have stored up Your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

3) Consuming Scripture's truths brings \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ezra 7:9-10** » ...for the good hand of his God was on him. <sup>10</sup> 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.

**1 Peter 2:2** » like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the Word

**The way to move from distaste to delight is to commit your heart and pray for help.**

**Psalm 119:97** » Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day.

**Some general advice on Bible reading:**

- 1) Have a \_\_\_\_\_ for your reading.
- 2) Choose, in advance, \_\_\_\_\_ you're going to read.
- 3) Decide, in advance, \_\_\_\_\_ you're going to read.
- 4) Choose a place where you can \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Read enough of the passage so that you \_\_\_\_\_ what's being said.
- 6) Don't read so much in one sitting that you can't \_\_\_\_\_ what it said when you started.
- 7) \_\_\_\_\_ something down if you want it to stick.
- 8) Expect to find \_\_\_\_\_.

**3 Questions You Can Ask Any Passage**

- a) What do I learn about God from this passage?
- b) What is the sinful condition of my heart that this passage speaks to?
- c) What answer does this passage give to the sins it describes?

9) \_\_\_\_\_ through the Scriptures.

10) \_\_\_\_\_ something with you.