

# Why So Few Study The Bible

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will for men. **They thus destroy confidence in the Bible.**

The Bible claims to be verbally inspired, inspired in its very expression or wording (2 Timothy 3:16-17 — see the same reference above; 2 Peter 1:20-21 — no prophecy of Scripture came by the will of man, but the prophets spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit; 1 Corinthians 2:10-13 — the hidden wisdom of God was made known unto men like Paul by the Holy Spirit, and those men spoke those things, not in words taught by man's wisdom, but in words taught by the Holy Spirit; Matthew 10:19-20 and Mark 13:11 — Jesus promised the apostles that when they were arrested and brought to trial, the Holy Spirit would give them the words to speak). But some men say that the Bible is inspired only in thought or substance. **They thus erode faith in the inerrancy of the Bible.**

The Bible was given to be understood (see the passages quoted in the beginning of this article), but some men say it was not given to be understood. **They thus discourage men from even reading it.**

The Bible shows that men as they are can understand the Scriptures as they are to the salvation of their souls ( according to the book of Acts, a book that records the conversions of various individuals, this is exactly what happened over and over in response to the preaching of the apostles and others), but some men say that only with the help of qualified and authorized clergymen (the position of the Roman Catholic Church), or the help of the Book of Mormon (the position of the "Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints"), or the help of the writings of Ellen G. White (the position of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church), or the help of the staff of anonymous writers at Watchtower headquarters (the position of the so-called "Jehovah's Witnesses"), can anyone understand the Bible. **They thus discourage men so they will not even try to read and understand for themselves.**

God obviously wants men to understand His word and is perfectly capable of giving it to men in language that can be understood, but so many denominations have been saying for so long (a) that it isn't necessary for men to understand the things written in the Bible, and (b) that different people can never understand the things written in the Bible alike. The unfortunate result is that few people are ever encouraged to engage in a personal, individual study of the Bible.

## Some Questions

1. **Was God able to make known His will to man? Was He able to make His will known in words or language that men could understand? Did He do this?**
2. **Did God give His word (the Bible) to man thinking that man would be able to understand it, but not realizing till later that man would be unable to understand it?**
3. **Did God give His word (the Bible) to man and deliberately couch it in such language or with such words that He knew man would be unable to understand it?**
4. **Does God want man to understand His word (the Bible)? Can man understand that word (the Bible)?**
5. **Should you set aside time to read and study and even meditate upon the Bible? Will you?**

**Why not become a daily student of the Bible, the revelation of God and God's will to man, the only book Divine in origin.**

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