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To be the kind of Christians God wants us to be, we need to know and obey the Scriptures.

Make it your habit to memorize and meditate on the Word of God daily.

2 Timothy 3:15-17 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. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. ESV

The Word of God exists in written form. It is called the Bible.

It is not merely the writings of men. It is from God.

2 Peter 1:20-21 Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. NIV

It is profitable (helpful and useful).

- To make you wise for salvation.
- To equip you to do good.

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. ESV

Psalms 119:130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. ESV

Psalms 119:130 Your instructions are a doorway through which light shines. They give insight to the untrained. NET

Psalms 119:165 Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble. ESV

Your general okayness is not on the line. Your life is.

Deuteronomy 32:46-47 [Moses] said to [Joshua and the people], "Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. ⁴⁷ They are not just idle words for you—they are your life. By them you will live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess." NIV

Knowing God helps in daily life as well as unimaginable challenges.

1 Samuel 17:33-37 Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because [Goliath] has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine." NIV

Application

Read it.

Meditate on it.

Psalm 1:1-3 [Blessed is the man whose] ² ...delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. ³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. ESV

Work on doing it.

James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ESV