# **Vision - New Beginnings - Pt 6 Get in the Word!**

# New Year, New Beginning, New Vision

[**Ezra 7:10**](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ezr7.10) “10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.”

**Prepared his heart through Prayer**

We need to prepare our Hearts before we approach the study of Gods Word.

[Ephesians 1:17-20](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Eph1.17-20) “17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,”

Pray that as you open the Word the Holy Spirit would give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus in His Word

**Seek: Study God’s Word:**

**[2 Timothy 2:15](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.2Ti2.15)** “15 **Be diligent** to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

KJV - Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

**New American Standard Bible: 1995**

**accurately handling the word of truth.**

Bible study is the metal that makes a Christian.

**Charles Spurgeon**

### Why Study the Bible?

### 4 Reasons why we should Study the Word of God:

### 1. Because the Scriptures reveal Christ:

a. [John 5:39](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Jn5.39) “39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.”

b. [2 Timothy 3:15](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.2Ti3.15) “15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, **which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.**”

### 2. The Scripture reveals the true Gospel and False teachers:

If this was a *different* gospel, then there must have been *the* gospel accepted as the basis of Christian truth against which this new teaching could be compared and judged “different.

**William D. Mounce**

a.  **[Colossians 2:4-8](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Col2.4-8)** “4 **Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words**. 5 For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. 6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving. 8 **Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.”**

b. [2 Timothy 4:3-4](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.2Ti4.3-4) “3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, **but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.”**

### 3. The Scripture reveals how we are to Live:

a. [Colossians 2:6-7](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Col2.6-7) “6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, **so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught,** abounding in it with thanksgiving.”

b. [Colossians 3:12-17](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Col3.12-17) “12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, **put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.** 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 **And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”**

c. [1 Peter 2:1-2](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.1Pe2.1-2) “1 Therefore, **laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, 2 as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,**”

d. [2 Peter 1:3-4](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.2Pe1.3-4) “3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, **through the knowledge of Him** who called us by glory and virtue, 4 **by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”**

### 4. So that we may share the Gospel:

a. [1 Peter 3:15](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.1Pe3.15) “15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a **defense** to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; 16 having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.” (Apologia - Greek word we get Apologetics from)

b. [2 Timothy 4:2](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.2Ti4.2-3) “2 Preach the word! **Be ready in season and out of season**. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

c. [Matthew 28:18-20](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Mt28.18-20) “18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 **Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.”**

### 3 Reasons why we don’t Study the Scriptures:

### 1. We believe the scriptures are not relevant to our lives today.

Do not try to make the Bible relevant; its relevance is axiomatic.

**Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

**axiomatic - self-evident or unquestionable.**

**[Hebrews 4:12](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Heb4.12) “12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”**

### 2. We Don’t Have Time - Bible Study is not a Priority

Busyness has two sides to its coin - both leave the believer weak and powerless:

1. Those who are so busy doing things for God they never spend time in His word - they simply do not have time for that

Modern Christians tend to make busyness their religion.

**J. I. Packer**

2. Those who have so busied themselves with the world and its trappings they neglect the things of God

The first reason for rejecting Christ has to do with personal priorities.

**A. W. Tozer**

**[Matthew 6:33](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Mt6.33)** “33 But **seek first the kingdom of God** and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Put the gospel first. And that means you must put the **priorities** of the gospel at the center of your life.

**D. A. Carson**

### 3. Offense

There are really four root causes of offense, and really, all of the offenses we see and experience in our lives can be boiled down to one of these four things:

1. Someone said something you feel like they shouldn't have.

2. Someone didn't say something that you felt they should have said but they didn't.

3. Someone did something you think they shouldn't have.

4. Someone didn't do something that you think they should have done.

When we **apply a lens to God** that says we have the right to Judge God’s Sovereignty and God’s Providence and say:

1. “God said something (in His Word) you feel like He shouldn't have.

2. God did something you think He shouldn't have.

3. God didn't do something that you think He should have done.

You open yourself up to Offense towards God

We struggle with this concept of God’s Sovereignty, especially when it seems contradictory to our expectation of certain things.

**God’s sovereignty is his right and power to do all that he decides to do.**

**God’s providence is His *wise and purposeful use of His sovereignty to accomplish His purposes*.**

**God has the right to do all that He decides to do. We do NOT have the right to sit in the seat of Judgement of His Providence: His wise and purposeful use of His sovereignty to accomplish His purposes.**

[Ecclesiastes 12:14](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ec12.14) “14 For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.”

[2 Corinthians 5:10](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.2Co5.10) “10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

[Hebrews 9:27](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Heb9.27) “27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,”

[Romans 14:12](https://ref.ly/logosref/BibleNKJV.Ro14.12) “12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.”