

## Why My Family Needs the Bible

*"...from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures..." (2 Timothy 3:15).*

**Introduction:** What is the best way we can help our community? There may be many ways to help. Yet, I believe the best way is by getting families in the community back to the Bible. Please consider seven reasons why my family, our community and our world needs the Bible.

### I. The Bible Tells Of Our Origins

- A. At some point in life, my children are going to ask three big questions.
  - 1. Where did I come from?
  - 2. Why am I here?
  - 3. Where am I going?
- B. God's Word enables me to answer questions I cannot naturally know—such as origins (1 Corinthians 2:11-15; Genesis 1:1; Romans 1:18).
  - 1. The book of Genesis helps us learn much about our origins (Genesis 1:1).
  - 2. The explanation in Genesis is consistent with logic.
    - i. Design demands a designer.
    - ii. Creation demands a Creator (Romans 1:18).
- C. The Bible provides God's revelation to the question of origins. Without it, we are merely freaks of nature coincidentally coming to life by random chance.

### II. The Bible Teaches About Hope.

- A. We not only want to know where we came from, but what happens after death.
- B. We are left with the option of two contrasting philosophies.
  - 1. Death is a final end (1 Corinthians 15:32).
  - 2. Death can be met with confidence (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Hebrews 6:19-20; 1 Peter 3:15).
- C. The historical fact of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ is the source of hope.

### III. The Bible Gives Us Purpose

- A. Generally, people do not invent or create things without a purpose.
- B. Likewise, God the Creator reveals to us His purpose through His Word (Colossians 1:16; cp. Romans 3:23; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20).
- C. My family needs the Bible because we need to know we are special and we have a purpose in this life!

**Conclusion:** Where did you come from? Where are you going? Why are you here? God's Word answers those questions and more... Part 2 tonight...

## Why My Family Needs the Bible—part 2

Introduction: Why does your family need the Bible? Consider four more reasons tonight...

### IV. The Bible Is A Family Compass

- A. Families need to know their family roles (Genesis 2:18-25; Matthew 19:4-6; Colossians 3:18-21).
- B. Families need a compass when it comes to their morals/values.
  - 1. It is a common fallacy to think we know what is best for us (Proverbs 14:12).
  - 2. Yet, morals are determined by God's revealed will (2 Peter 1:3; Gal 5:19-21).
- C. Families need to learn how to chisel character (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15; 1 Cor 10:11).

### V. The Bible Is A Source for Evidence

- A. It is no coincidence young people are leaving the church behind as so many churches have left the Scriptures behind in their teaching.
- B. The Bible should be used to provide evidence for faith (John 20:30-31; Luke 24:48; Acts 1:8; 2 Peter 1:16).

### VI. The Bible Teaches A Proper Perspective on Life

- A. What is true success?
- B. The world may see such goals as praiseworthy, but God has a different perspective (1 John 2:15-17).

### VII. The Bible Teaches God's Plan of Salvation

- A. Though the Bible was written by forty different authors over 1500 years, it still covers one continuous theme—the scheme of redemption (Genesis 2-3; Rev 22:1-3).
- B. The simple story of mankind is...
  - 1. Man has committed sin and deserves death (Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 6:23).
  - 2. Jesus paid the penalty for our sins (Matthew 20:28; Heb 9:26).
  - 3. Through obedience to Jesus Christ, man can have the “forgiveness of sins” (John 14:6; Acts 2:36-39; Romans 6:3-6).
- C. As we try to help our families in so many ways, are we missing out on the eternal help God offers to give us through His Son?

Conclusion: We have all sorts of insurance policies for our family. What is your spiritual insurance policy for your family?