

Trust the Word of God
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"fables, legends, history and moral precepts recorded by man." *Fewer in U.S. Now See Bible as Literal Word of God.* Gallup Poll July 6, 2022

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. **17** For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, [a] with whom I am well pleased," **18** we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. 2 Peter 1:16-18

2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. Matthew 17:2

7 Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail [a] on account of him. Even so. Amen. Revelation 1:7

16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. Revelation 1:16

19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, **20** knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. **21** For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:19-21

Scripture Provides Guidance

19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, 2 Peter 1:19

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

Guidance Comes From God

20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. **21** For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:20-21

2 Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, **3** who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways! Psalm 119:2-3

23 *The steps of a man are established by the Lord, when he delights in his way;*
24 *though he fall, he shall not be cast headlong, for the Lord upholds his hand.* Psalm 37:23-24
8 *Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. 9 He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. 10 All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.* Psalm 25:8-10

“People live better lives when they engage with the Bible—reading it frequently, applying its teachings to their decisions, and making it central to their faith. Personally, they experience less stress, less anxiety, and more hope. They also make better neighbors, striving to love others in significant ways. They give abundantly to charity, and not only to their churches.” American Bible Society, *State of the Bible 2022*

The American Bible Society pointed out in its review:

- Apps increase daily Bible use.
- Scripture engaged people want to be good neighbors
- Gen Z shows high levels of stress, anxiety and depression; but those who are Scripture engaged report fewer symptoms;
- More than two-thirds of people 57 and younger who consider themselves committed Christians don't attend church at least monthly
- Scripture engaged Christians tend to read entire Bible chapters or stories at one sitting; read Scripture at the same time each day, and follow a reading schedule, plan or program;