



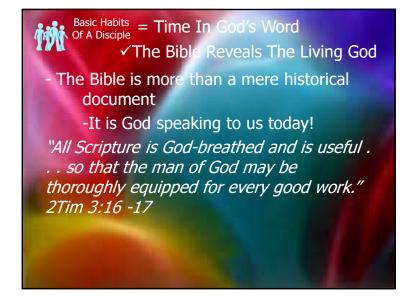
Basic Habits

The Bible Reveals The Living God

"You search the Scriptures because you believe they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!

... come to me so that I can give you this eternal life." John 5:39 -40

"Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." John 17:3





"Jesus replied, "Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God?" Mark 12:24

"After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the LORD or remember the mighty things he had done for Israel."

Then the Israelites did what was evil in the LORD's sight and worshiped the images of Baal. Judges 2:10 -11



Basic Habits = Time In God's Word

✓ Bible Introduces Us To Jesus Christ.

"In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe." Hebrews 1:1-2

- Christ fulfilled the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament



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 Jesus is the fulfillment and culmination of God's revelation through the centuries.

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

- When we know him, we have all we need to be saved from our sin and to have a perfect relationship with God.



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"It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth . . .

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

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√The Bible Gives Us God's Commands

"Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to fulfill them.

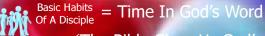
I assure you, until heaven and earth disappear, even the smallest detail of God's law will remain until its purpose is achieved." Mat 5:17-18



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- Do the Old Testament laws still apply to us today?
- In the Old Testament, there were three categories of law:
  - <u>Ceremonial law</u> related specifically to Israel's worship
    - Pointed forward to Jesus Christ
    - Obsolete after Jesus' death and resurrection



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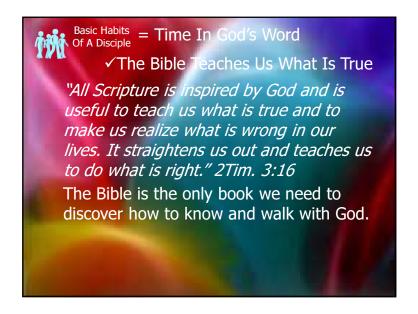
- Jesus was often accused by the Pharisees of violating ceremonial law.
- Civil law applied to daily living in Israel
  - Modern society and culture are radically different
    - Principles behind the commands are timeless and should guide our conduct

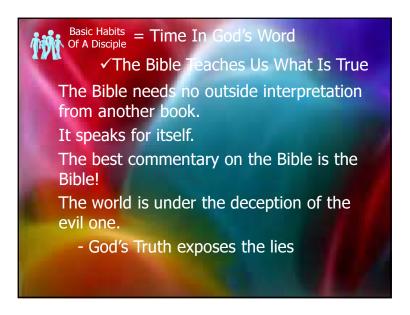


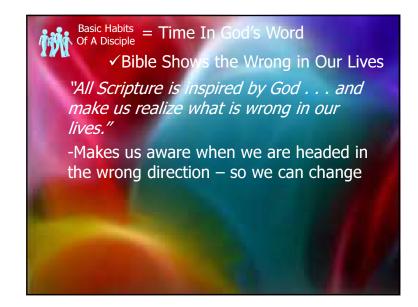
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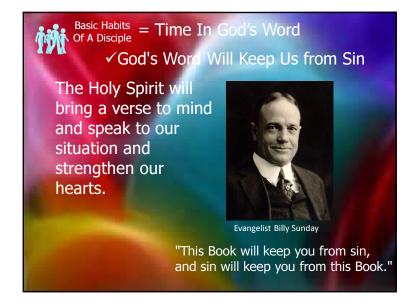
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- Moral law (such as the Ten Commandments) is the direct command of God
  - The moral law reveals the nature and will of God, and it still applies today.
  - Jesus obeyed the moral law completely.











"It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right."

When we allow the Bible to teach, will be prepared and equipped to do good to everyone.

Read and meditate on God's Word to be molded into the man or woman God wants you to be.



"I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.

I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.

I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word. "Psa 119:14 -16

- Not a long list of don'ts
- Do not see God's laws as barriers to happiness but as walls of protection!



You can read the entire Bible in one year by doing the following:

- Read for 15 minutes every day
- There are many excellent daily reading plans on the Internet that guide you through a mix of Old Testament, Psalms and New Testament passages



You can read the entire New Testament in one year by doing the following:

- Read one chapter a day for 5 days of a week.
- One chapter will take about 5-7 minutes to read.
- The other 2 days can be used to catch up if you missed a day or to read other things.