

Why read my Bible?

...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, Ephesians 6:17 (ESV)

1. The Word of God gives victory in trials and temptations.

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)

2. The Word of God brings conviction of sin and repentance.

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)

3. The Word of God creates spiritual life.

...since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; 1 Peter 1:23 (ESV)

4. The Word of God sustains spiritual life.

But he answered, "It is written, " 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4 (ESV)

5. Don't let my busyness push God's Word out of my life.

- Read It
- Think About It
- Memorize It

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11 (ESV)

How should I pray?

praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak. Ephesians 6:18–20 (ESV)

1. Pray all the time.

...praying at all times...

2. Pray about every need.

...with all prayer and supplication...

You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. James 4:2 (ESV)

3. When it doesn't look like God is answering prayer, keep praying!

To that end keep alert with all perseverance,...

And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" Luke 18:7–8 (ESV)

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16 (ESV)

4. Pray for the needs of other Christians.

...making supplication for all the saints.

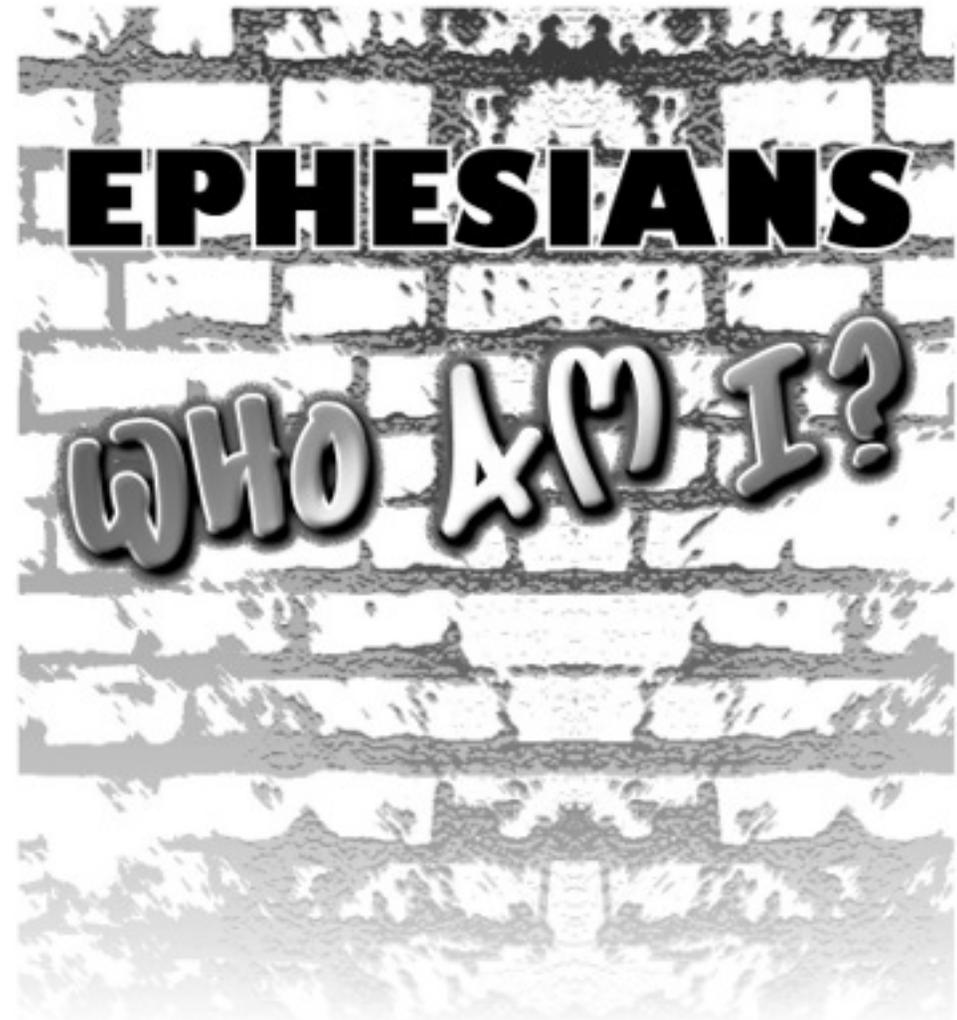
5. Pray for my spiritual leaders.

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Conclusion

1. Get up 15 minutes earlier and pray before the day.
2. Read one chapter of the Bible
3. Memorize one verse a week.

So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything. I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts. Peace be to the brothers, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 6:21–23 (ESV)



Why Are Bible Reading And Prayer Important?