

The Facts of Life

The Answers to the Questions!

“Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us...” The Message

“Life Journals: Experiencing Deeper Life”

“one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15b NLT

A. God’s Word is food for our soul...

“You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:15-17

1. God’s Word is living!

“For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.” Hebrews 4:12 NLT

“God means what he says. What he says goes. His powerful Word is sharp as a surgeon’s scalpel, cutting through everything, whether doubt or defense, laying us open to listen and obey. Nothing and no one is impervious to God’s Word. We can’t get away from it—no matter what.” Hebrews 4:12-13 The Message

2. God’s Word builds faith!

“So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.” Romans 10:17

3. God’s Word brings success to our spiritual lives!

“Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.” Joshua 1:8

4. God’s Word keeps us pure, keeps us from sin, and guides our lives!

“How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word.”

“I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”

“Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.” Psalm 119:9,11,105

B. Here is what God can do...

1. Listen. God is speaking and He wants to walk daily with you!

“I will teach you and instruct you in the way that you should go...” Psalm 32:8

2. Inquire. God wants us to seek Him with all our hearts, and when we do, He meets us right where we are!

“You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:13

3. Faith. Our faith will grow as we get to know Him more!

“Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness.”

1 Timothy 4:7

4. Experience. It is not only knowing things that builds our faith; it is doing them!

“If you knew these things, you are blessed if you do them.” John 13:17

C. Here’s “how to”...

1. **S** – Scripture: Find the Scriptures for today in the Bible Reading Plan (pages 14-17)
2. **O** – Observation: Read the passage with an open heart and Jesus will give you words of encouragement, direction and correction.

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.” 2 Timothy 3:16

3. **A** – Application: Make personal application of the Scripture.
 - a. Write today’s date.
 - b. Give your lesson a title.
 - c. Write down the main Scripture. (S)
 - d. Write what you see in the Scripture. (O)
 - e. Write how you will be different today because of what you have just read. (A)
 - f. Write out your prayer. (P)
4. **P** – Prayer: The prayer is offering to God how you will use His Word in your life!
5. Give Jesus your best...morning or evening!

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15 NIV

“So let’s not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don’t give up, or quit.” Galatians 6:9 The Message

“Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically.” Romans 12:11 NLT

“That’s why I work and struggle so hard, depending on Christ’s mighty power that works within me.” Colossians 1:29 NLT

“For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.” Philippians 4:13 NLT

D. Combine this with your fasting...

1. Pray and fast...God commanded it!

“And when you fast...” Matthew 6:16a

2. Prayer and fasting make a difference!

“Paul and Barnabas also appointed elders in every church. With prayer and fasting, they turned the elders over to the care of the Lord, in whom they had put their trust.” Acts 14:23

3. Pray and fast for God to release His mighty power in our lives and those around us!

“No, this is the kind of fasting I want: Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people.” Isaiah 58:6 NLT

*4. Pray for those in our world who need Christ!
“to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God’s people, who are set apart by faith in me.”* Acts 26:18 NLT

5. Pray and fast for our nation.

“Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14 NLT

“Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15 NLT

Digging Deeper...for all those interested in digging deeper into this topic, there are resources in the Well Read Bookstore to assist you.
The God Questions book at \$2.50 and \$7.50 for follow up.
Plus, Well Read has additional materials upon request for the serious student!

Coming soon:

September 25: *Fact #1 God is Real*

Answer to the Question – Is God Real?

September 27: *40 Days of Prayer and Fasting begins...*

October 2: *Fact #2 The Bible is True*

Answer to the Question – Is the Bible True?

October 9: *Fact #3 Only One Road Leads to Heaven*

Answer to the Question – Do All Roads Lead to Heaven?

October 16: *Fact #4 A Good God May Allow Suffering*

Answer to the Question – How Can a Good God Allow Suffering?

October 23: *Fact #5 God Created*

Answer to the Question – Which Is Right: Evolution or Creation?

October 30: *Fact #6 – Heaven is a Place for Eternity*

Answer to the Question – What Will Heaven Be Like?

November 6: *Friend Day (End of 40 Days)*