

# Why open my Bible – why indeed

**God's Words** (but only those Words made alive and given to me personally by His Spirit and that are now in me) **are to me:**

- God's very own nature actually in me (2 Pet. 1:4)
- Life, God's life in me, my real life and the evidence of eternal life (Prov. 4:13, 4:22, Mat. 4:4, John 6:63, 6:68)
- My peace, of mind and heart, from God (John 16:33, Phil.4:7)
- A continual reassurance of God's love for me (1 John 2:5, 3:1, Rom. 5:8)
- My total defense against the attacks of the devil (Rev. 12:11, Pro.18:10)
- My deliverance from: 

My self	My attitudes
My addictions	My thoughts
My lusts & habits	My fantasies
My flesh	(Luke 4:18, Pro. 2:12)
- My necessary food (Mat. 4:4, Mar. 14:22)
- My only means of growth (1 Pet. 2:2)
- The only antidote to: 

My anger	My impatience
My greed	My fears
My pride	My worries & cares
My envy	My unforgiveness
My jealousy	(Psa. 119:11, Joh. 17:17, 1Cor.13:8)
- My strength and power to resist temptations and to do things I previously have not been able to (Pro 10:29, 18:10, Rom. 1:16)
- My happiness and my health (Pro. 3:18, 15:15, Pro. 4:22, Col.3:10, 2Cor.4:16)
- My wisdom in the choices and decisions I make (Psa. 119:98)
- My light with which to see the right way to go in life (Psa. 119:130, 1Jo. 1:5)

- My healing (Psa. 107:20)
- The increase of my love for God and for others (1Th. 3:12)
- God's way of changing me to make me more like Him (2Co. 3:18, 1Th.2:13)
- The seeds of His life in me, to mould me, which He then wants to sow in the hearts of others to love, bless, save and grow them (Mar. 4:20)
- My source of faith, confidence, trust and courage in Him (Rom. 10:17)
- My only way to overcome wrong thoughts (2Co. 10:5, Jer. 29:11, Phil. 4:8)
- God's beautiful way of changing my harmful desires (Psa. 37:4)
- The lifting from my depression (Psa. 110:7, Isa. 54:14)
- The liberation from my guilt and condemnation (Rom. 8:1)
- The cleansing from my sin and the power to resist it ((John 15:3, Rom. 6:14)
- The assurance of my forgiveness and confirmation that I have right standing with God (Eph. 1:7, 1 Jo. 1:9)
- The means by which I was born again into God's family (1 Pet. 1:23)
- The presence, the comfort and the companionship of my Father (Psa. 16:11, Rom. 15:4, Rev. 3:20)
- His promise of good things to come (Heb. 9:11, Phil. 1:6)
- The source of absolute truth and all that is right (John 17:17, Psa. 19:8)
- The foundation of all my prayers and the only basis for believing God for answers (1 Jo. 5:14)
- The abundance of God's grace (2 Cor. 9:8, 2 Pet. 1:2)

- The guarantee of the provision of all my needs (Phi. 4:19)
- The assurance of protection and safety (Lev. 25:18)
- The promise of long life and length of days (Pro. 3:2)
- The knowledge of God's will for my life, for today and for right now (Heb. 13:21, Col. 1:9)
- The ability from God to do His will (Phi. 2:13)
- The only weaponry with which to attack the kingdom of darkness (Eph. 6:17)
- An unending source of improvement in my love for others (Rom. 5:5)
- My well of inexpressible joy (Jer. 15:16)
- My only way to know and understand God and His goodness to me (Pro. 2:6)
- Jesus Christ abiding in me (John 1:1)

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**“He has made us ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the Spirit . . . who gives life” (to the letter) – 2 cor.3:6**

Not the keeping of the law or of commandments – the letter - as it was in the old testament, which arrangement failed because of the weakness of our flesh, but a new and better way in which God's Spirit writes His living words in our hearts and His Spirit causes us to keep them. (Rom. 8:3, Heb. 8:6, Jer. 31:33, Ezek. 36:27)

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