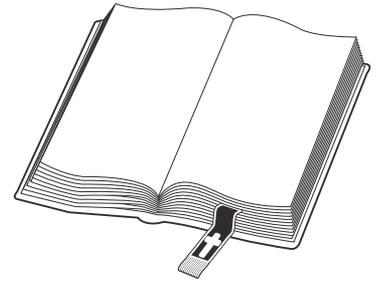


The Bible Is My Teacher

*"I have more understanding than all my teachers, for
Your testimonies are my meditation." Psalm 119:99*



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Beloved, we are surrounded by people who want to teach us. Television, movies, books, the Internet, family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers all want to teach us how to be a single man or woman, how to be a husband or a wife, how to be a father or a mother, how to spend our money, what kind of car we should drive, and what kind of house we should live in. They want to teach us how to dress, what to eat, and what we should think and feel. I could go on and on.

We are surrounded by information. If it seems godly, we should listen and *then* go to the Bible to see if it is true or not. God is the One who created each of us, and He knows His plan for us. But as I travel speaking at churches and retreats throughout the United States and in other countries, I am constantly amazed at how many professing Christians go to the world for advice on how to live their lives: for everything from major decisions to what to eat. I meet many who profess to be Christians but have little or no knowledge of the Bible. Now I am not talking about new believers here.

I also talk to many who daily read and study their Bibles. They even memorize scripture, but they do not apply it in everyday situations in their lives. To them the Bible is a history book, or they seem to feel its wisdom is for other people, or that their situation is different, so God's truths do not apply to them.

Beloved, the Bible is *all* truth. It is the only *pure* truth. There is no truth apart from the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word. The Lord never changes, and His

Word never changes. Ecclesiastes 1:9 tells us there is nothing new under the sun. Nothing will ever happen in your life or mine that is not addressed in the Bible. Only the Lord and His Word have the answers for all of our situations.

We even have to be careful of all that we listen to and watch that calls itself "Christian." If we know the Bible and daily spend time with Jesus, we will not be deceived. GOD'S AMAZING GRACE will protect us. Psalm 5:8 reads, "*Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; make Your way straight before my face.*"

Beloved, I know that Satan is real. I know he wants to destroy my life, to destroy my marriage, and to destroy the ministry that God has called me to. Most of all he wants to destroy my relationship with Jesus Christ. I daily cry out to my Lord to lead and guide me to make decisions that will glorify Him.

To the non-believer, today would be the day to surrender your life to Jesus Christ. He loves you, and He wants to help you with every situation in your life. To the believer, go to God's Word and apply it.

— *Janice McBride*

All scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.

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