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Biblical Basis: 1 Timothy 4:1-16
Text to memorize: 1 Timothy 4:13

PURPOSE

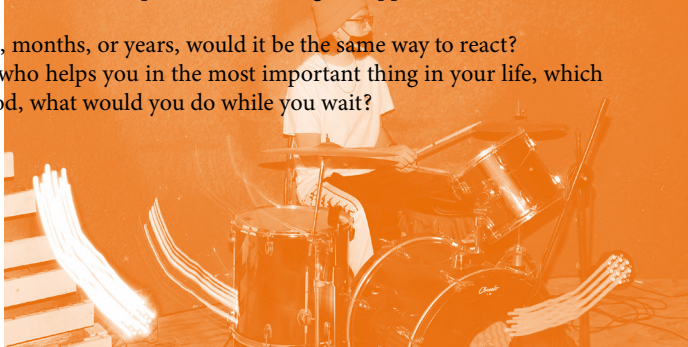
To present the reading of the Bible with company, as a fundamental activity to strengthen our relationship with God, to know what He reveals and speaks of our Savior Jesus Christ and His creation.

REAL LIFE STORY

Let's imagine this hypothetical situation. You are walking to the place where there is a public transport stop, you know that it passes by that place every 10 minutes, when you are a few meters from arriving, the transport passes, you do not reach it and now you have to wait at least 10 more minutes to take the other bus.

What would you do in those 10 minutes? Surely you have already solved something similar on previous occasions, not only while waiting for transportation, but in any place where what apparently you have to do is let time pass for something to happen.

And if it were a wait of days, months, or years, would it be the same way to react? For the arrival of someone who helps you in the most important thing in your life, which is your relationship with God, what would you do while you wait?



WHAT DOES THE SCRIPTURE SAY?

After reading 1 Timothy 4 (the entire chapter), briefly write down 3 important ideas that are mentioned:

The apostle Paul is writing to brother Timothy (1 Timothy 4:13), who was a young Pastor whom he saw as his son, since he had accompanied him in his formative process for a long time. By the time he writes this letter, Timothy is pastoring a group of believers, Paul makes him see the following:

- Devote to three things: reading, exhortation, and teaching.
- To devote is not something to pass the time while Sunday arrives and we go to the temple, nor is it a way to do something so as not to be bored, it is to pay attention to what is important, to dedicate as a priority a time that will do us good. Those who practice this will see progress in their faith, so it says in v. 15.

"Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching."

- 1 Timothy 4:13



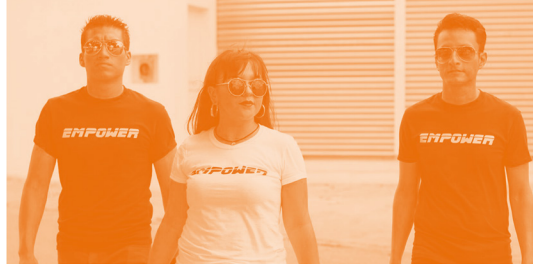
WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

The Bible (*from the Greek biblíon, books*) is a set of canonical books that in Judaism and Christianity are considered the product of divine inspiration and revelation, and a reflection or a record of the relationship between God and humanity.

It is estimated that over the centuries there have been around five billion copies of the Bible in all its varieties (although some numbers say there are many more), making it the most distributed and sold book in history, being frequently recognized as the most influential book of all time.



BIBLICAL SUPPORT



In chapter 4 of this first letter to Timothy that you are reviewing, it is said that there are some lying teachings, something similar happens today.

Do you know any false teaching that can be corrected with what the Bible says?

As you read 1 in Timothy 4, what is one way that reading aloud helps you to correct your behavior, to show love, spirit, faith, and purity?





REFLECTION

You can write down some key verses that were helpful to you or to some of your friends. If any doubts arise, don't forget to consult Bible dictionaries and your mentor to clarify them.

We have already seen that it is not convenient for us to wait until Sunday at the time of preaching to learn more about the Word of God, nor is it convenient for us to wait for that hour every week, and if we add another one from the youth meetings, 2 or 3 hours a week to learn about God and His plan for humanity. Misleading messages and fancy signs will not wait until Sunday to reach you, nor the doubts caused by those messages or problems of life will line up until the day of your youth meeting, therefore, if you want to grow in your knowledge and relationship with God, it is necessary to heed this call to read the Bible together.



PRACTICE

Plan a reading time with a group of friends, or at least one, and write it down in this space.

We suggest you start one day a week. If it is the first time that you are beginning a systematic reading of the Bible it can be a Gospel, later a letter from Paul or a book of the Pentateuch. But if they have identified any specific need, ask your mentor or Pastor for support in a book of the Bible that can help them to clarify their doubts.

It is necessary to ask for direction and wisdom from God, this is crucial since with His help, what has been studied makes more sense.

You can write down some key verses that were helpful to you or to some of your friends. If any doubts arise, don't forget to consult Bible dictionaries and your mentor to clarify them.

Now, we also know that reading aloud activates certain brain processes different from those that are activated when we read silently, in addition, if we do it with a group of people we can share, listen to someone else, and exchange what God is speaking to us. On the other hand, if you are a group leader, or you are in a group of friends, what a better way to become strong, than to seek God together by reading His Word!