

Scripture List Overview

& Suggestions for Further Study

You may have heard it said, “Garbage in, garbage out.” Jesus captures this same concept, eloquently saying in Luke 6:45, “...out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.” Likewise, this is echoed in Proverbs 23:7, “For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.”

We may not be robots, but do tend to be sponges. We are what we eat—not only physically, but in all other ways—mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. What we feed ourselves is what we’ll become.

It’s critical to get a daily diet of God’s Word, because His Word is truth. If we slack in this, the abundant influences of the world, the devil, and our own flesh will sway us away from the truth and into lies and deception.

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” Romans 12:2

There are many ways to read the Bible, including audio options via internet or various apps. I usually read the One Year Bible, and I prefer the New King James Version, although it’s one of many translations. The One Year Bible is arranged in a format to easily read from Genesis to Revelation in one year. If you choose this approach, I encourage you to challenge yourself to indeed read the entire Bible in a year, but *please* give yourself mercy if you do not. The enemy is quick to condemn us if we miss a day! Stay on guard against his schemes, and take two years to get through it, if need be. The purpose is to eat spiritually healthy food every day, and if your portions are smaller some days than others, it’s okay. Just rest, and enjoy sinking into the Father’s love, as you get closer to His heart through hearing His voice.

As I read, a verse may seem to pop off the page and into my soul. It’s like the Holy Spirit’s tug, calling me to go deeper into the theme of that verse.

Often, I’ll look up every verse in the Bible that has a specific word in it. For example, if I’m running to food for refuge but want my heart transformed to run to God instead, I’ll do a search on the word refuge or food. Or, if I wake up in the morning and feel down, I’ll do a word search on comfort or hope. After searching for the verses, you can copy and paste them into a document, print or store them in an easily displayable format, then speak and memorize them until you’re walking in repentance and freedom.

Two resources I use regularly for word searches and deeper Bible study are:

www.studylight.org = excellent for searching the Bible for key words and themes

www.eliyah.com/lexicon = provides deeper study options, including Hebrew and Greek root words and online Concordance

Over the years, as a theme or issue has arisen in my life or the lives of those I've counseled, I've done word searches through the Bible. The buttons on this page of my website are Scripture searches I've accumulated over the past 15 years. Either I've personally dealt with the theme, counseled someone who did, or awoke with a phrase or word on my tongue that God wanted me to study. I hope you take advantage of these lists and that they bless you.

Here are a few things to keep in mind as you utilize these word searches:

- a) Feel free to copy, download, print, forward, etc. This is the Word of God. Let's spread it!
- b) Each list may or may not be every single verse in the Bible with that particular word. Usually the list does include every one, but there have been times I've edited the lists, so I do not know exactly which ones have every verse with that 'theme word' in it. If it's important to you to make sure and have every single one in the Bible, please do further study as shared above.
- c) Each study is done in the NKJV unless otherwise noted.
- d) Quite often, you'll see a verse with the topic in it, but you'll sense a need to read it in context or see 'the rest of the paragraph' from which it came. I cannot encourage you enough to run to the Word and do just that. God will speak powerfully as you do.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

John 1:1

"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." John 6:68b