



# CAPITOL COMMISSION™

## Why Study and Follow the Bible?

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**Did you know that Bible Study/Discussion Groups are held inside the Capitol every week for Legislators, State Leaders, Staff, and Lobbyists? Meeting times are listed at the bottom of this page. This is my 7<sup>th</sup> year serving as a pastor to the Capitol, and I look forward to a great year. Please join us!**



**Frank Erb**  
Pastor to California's Leaders

### WHY STUDY AND FOLLOW THE BIBLE?

**The Bible itself gives many reasons. Notice especially the last one, which has special significance for government leaders.**

**1. To connect with God and be saved**

2 Timothy 3:15 "you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

**2. To have faith (trust) in God**

Romans 10:17 "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

**3. To love God as He loves you**

Deuteronomy 6:5-6 "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart."

**4. To hear from God**

1 Corinthians 2:13 "And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit"

**5. To grow in maturity**

1 Peter 2:2 "Like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation." (See also 1 Corinthians 3:1-2, Hebrews 5:12-14)

**6. To be spiritually strong**

Matthew 4:4 "But Jesus answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." (See also Job 23:12.)

**7. To fulfill the mission you are made for**

2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work." (See also John 8:31)

**8. To be wise**

Psalms 119:98 "O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies."

**9. To make good decisions**

Psalms 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (See also Psalm 32:8)

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**"In regard to this great book [the Bible], I have but to say, it is the best gift God has given to men. All the good the Savior gave to the world was communicated through this book."  
- Abraham Lincoln**

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**10. To stay strong against temptation**

Psalms 119:11 "I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."

**11. To know good from evil**

Hebrews 5:14 "But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil."

**12. To recognize truth from error**

2 Timothy 2:15 "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth."

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### CAPITOL BIBLE STUDIES

**STAFF / LOBBYISTS / LEADERS/ PUBLIC: TUESDAYS @ 12:00 NOON IN ROOM 125**

**LEGISLATORS & CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS: WEDNESDAYS @ 8:00 AM OR 12:00 NOON IN ROOM 3171**

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## Why Study and Follow the Bible? continued ...

### 13. To have courage

Psalm 56:3-4 "When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You. In God, whose word I praise, in God I have put my trust."

### 14. To have peace and joy

Psalm 19:8 "The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart."

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***"The first and almost the only Book deserving of universal attention is the Bible. In what light soever we regard the Bible, whether with reference to revelation, to history, or to morality, it is an invaluable and inexhaustible mine of knowledge and virtue." - John Quincy Adams, 5<sup>th</sup> President of the U.S.***

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### 15. To be comforted in difficult times

Psalm 119:50 "This is my comfort in my affliction, that Your word has revived me."

### 16. To help others to know God

1 Peter 3:15 "In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."

### 17. To be blessed

Revelation 1:3 "Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it."

### 18. To prosper

Psalm 1:1-3 "How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, nor stand in the path of sinners, nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; and in whatever he does, he prospers."

### 19. To be a successful government leader

Deuteronomy 17:18-20 "And when [the king] sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, .... and it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children ..."

In this last passage, God commanded Israel's king to make his own copy of the Bible, keep it with him at all times, read from it daily, and follow it closely. If the king did so, he would stay humble, make good decisions, enjoy a long reign, and along with his family be blessed.

In the same way, you will also be blessed if you regularly study and follow the teachings of the Bible, even in Sacramento. Please join us as we meet together for this purpose throughout this year.

And if you wonder why an intelligent person would believe the Bible to be true, or if you have any other questions about God or the Bible, I would love to meet with you and discuss it. I'll even buy the coffee or juice. Contact me anytime.

- Frank

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***"There are a good many problems before the American people today, and before me as President, but I expect to find the solution of those problems just in the proportion that I am faithful in the study of the Word of God." - Woodrow Wilson, 28<sup>th</sup> President***

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