

Practical Shepherding Series
Reading the Scriptures

I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.

Job 23:12 (NKJV)

The Bible reveals the Creator

*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. **Gen 1:1** (KJV)*

*In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. **Heb 1:1-3** (NIV)*

The Bible shows the way of salvation

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. **Rom 1:16** (NKJV)*

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. **John 14:6** (NKJV)*

The Bible equips us for living life

*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. **2 Tim 3:16** (NLT)*

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. **Psalm 119:105** (KJV)*

The Bible feeds our faith

*So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. **Rom 10:17** (NKJV)*

*Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" **Matt 4:4** (NIV)*

The Bible transforms our character

*Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. **John 17:17** (NKJV)*

*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. **John 8:32** (John 8:32)*