



REFLECTIONS

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All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Trip to the Library

Dale makes a trip there every day. The library is rich with the Bible resources he needs for his studies. His daily pattern is so established that library personnel designate a special space for his study and research. There he digs deeply into the Bible's meaning and its message; and he shares his knowledge and understanding through his teaching and the Bible commentaries he writes.

Not many people have the interest or commitment of Dale Bruner to concentrate so much time to the study of anything, especially when the research center is a public library. But maybe we should. And maybe the library is a pretty good place to be.

The Bible is a library. It contains 66 books—thirty-nine in the Old Testament, and twenty-seven books make up the New Testament. Together they are God's word to the people of our world, conveying one unified message.

One source points out that the books in the Bible were written over hundreds of years, using three languages. Though written by men, their words are God-breathed. The books tell who God is, his power and his eternal being. They describe his character as holy, loving and just. They tell of the world's formation, the creation of mankind, his disobedience and the consequences of sin. The books of the Bible contain history of wars and prophecies of things to come, character studies of leaders, and the faith and failings of common people. They disclose humanity's need for reconciliation to God, and that Jesus' death on the Cross redeemed the lives of all who believe in him.

For years now, Bible reading has become a daily practice. In the beginning, it was a novel idea to read the Bible through just to have done it. But sometime during the year allotted to complete the project, the daily time with God became the best part of the day.

The study of God's word will never be completed, but the trip to the Library will be a highlight of every day. Time in the Bible becomes more enriching each day. It seems there is something new to provide a fresh perspective, a connection between one passage with another creates an "ah ha!" moment, or a previously overlooked detail adds dimension that wasn't there before. Most importantly, it's a time to draw closer to God.

And that's the best reason for a daily trip to the Library.

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