

## *The Most Essential Truth*

All of the words and messages presented in the Bible are of great importance and great value, and no part of the Bible should be omitted, ignored, or disregarded. However, all of the words and messages in the Bible are not equal in importance.

Some words and messages, such as the Ten Commandments, establish never-to-be-changed laws as benchmarks of bedrock importance. Other portions include historical narratives, eye-witness accounts of supernatural events, genealogical records, biographical data, personal testimonies, prophetic allegories, and various other types and categories of content.

Interspersed among the 790,391 words in 31,089 verses in the 66 books in the Bible, there are certain key verses — **universal truths and declarative instructions** — that God communicates to mankind. Sometimes He speaks with His own voice, sometimes through the mouths of prophets, and in certain places, God specifically speaks as “**the Word of God.**” The first words in the Book of John identify and introduce the Word of God in this way:

“In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.”

*(and then in verse 14)*

“... and the Word became flesh and lived<sup>+</sup> among us.”

Only one person in all of recorded history has ever qualified for that name and title. The words that He spoke out of His own mouth are far more significant and more important than any other words ever spoken or written.

A book entitled *The Most Essential Truth in the Bible* (ISBN 978-0-935597-02-7) features 249 passages in which the Word of God proclaims the most essential of all universal truths and declarative instructions. In the 7 pages that follow, you can quickly read 98 of these key passages. While it takes more than 66 hours to read the entire Bible, you can read these key passages in less than 10 minutes. For more information visit: [www.MostEssential.com](http://www.MostEssential.com)

You can also enjoy refreshing inspiration and encouragement every day by frequently re-reading and meditating on these key passages from the incomparable wisdom of the Word of God.

*If anyone has ears  
that can hear  
let them listen.*

**#11** It is written:  
Mankind shall not live  
by bread alone,  
but by every word that proceeds  
out of the mouth of God. <sup>48</sup>

**#12** Again it is written: You shall  
not tempt the Lord your God. <sup>48</sup>

**#13** You shall worship  
the Lord your God  
and Him only shall you serve. <sup>48</sup>

**#14** Truly, truly, I say to you:  
Unless a person is born again, they  
cannot see the kingdom of God. <sup>18</sup>

**#15** Truly, truly, I say to you:  
Unless a person is born of water and  
of the Spirit, they cannot enter into  
the kingdom of God. *Those* who are  
born of flesh are flesh, and *those*  
who are born of the Spirit are spirit.  
Do not marvel that I said: You must  
be born again. <sup>18</sup>

**#17** God so loved the world,  
that He gave  
His Only Begotten Son,  
so that whoever believes in Him  
should not perish,  
but have eternal life. <sup>18</sup>

**#18** God did not send His Son into  
the world to condemn the world, but  
so that the world through Him might

be saved. *Those* who believe in Him  
are not condemned, but *those* who  
do not believe are condemned  
already, because they have not  
believed in the name of the Only  
Begotten Son of God. <sup>18</sup>

**#20** *The Word of God said:* Who-  
ever drinks of the water that I give  
will never thirst. Instead, the water  
that I give will become a well of  
water within them springing up into  
eternal life. <sup>19</sup>

**#21** God *is* Spirit. *Those* who  
worship Him must worship *Him* in  
spirit and in truth. <sup>19</sup>

**#23** Repent. For the kingdom of  
heaven is *very* near. <sup>48</sup>

**#24** Follow me and I will make  
you fishers of men. <sup>48</sup>

**#25** Sin no more, lest a worse  
thing come to you. <sup>21</sup>

**#27** Truly, truly, I say to you:  
*Those* who hear my Word and  
believe in Him who sent me have  
eternal life and will not come into  
condemnation, but *they* are passed  
from death to life. <sup>21</sup>

**#28** *Those* who have done good  
will come forth to the resurrection  
of life, and *those* who have done evil  
to the resurrection of damnation. <sup>21</sup>

**#29** Search the Scriptures.  
For in them  
you think you have eternal life,  
and they testify of me. <sup>22</sup>

**#30** Blessed *are* the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**#31** Blessed *are those* who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>49</sup>

**#32** Blessed *are* the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>49</sup>

**#33** Blessed *are those* who do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. <sup>49</sup>

**#34** Blessed *are* the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. <sup>49</sup>

**#35** Blessed *are* the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>49</sup>

**#36** Blessed *are* the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

**#37** Blessed *are those* who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**#38** Blessed are you when *people* revile you and persecute *you* and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for my sake. <sup>49</sup>

**#39** Rejoice and be exceedingly glad. For great *is* your reward in heaven. For so *likewise did* they persecute the prophets who were before you. <sup>49</sup>

**#40** You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its savor, with what will it be salted? It is thereafter good for nothing but to be cast out and trampled under foot. <sup>49</sup>

**#41** You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do people light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick *so that* it gives light to all who are in the house. <sup>49</sup>

**#42** Let your light so shine before *people* that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. <sup>49</sup>

**#43** Do not think that I have come to destroy the law or the prophets. I have not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For truly I say to you: Until heaven and earth pass, one jot or one smallest mark shall in no way pass from the law until all is fulfilled. <sup>49</sup>

**#44** Whoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments and shall teach *people to do* so shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever shall do *them* and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

**#53** You have heard that it has been said: You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you:

Love your enemies.  
Bless *those* who curse you.  
Do good to *those* who hate you.  
And pray for *those*  
who despitefully use you  
and persecute you  
*so that* you may be the children  
of your Father in heaven. <sup>50</sup>

*Key verses from The Most Essential Truth in the Bible*

**#57** Pray in this manner:

Our Father in heaven,  
Holy is your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done,  
on earth as *it is* in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us *for* our debts  
as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us *so that we will* not  
*yield* to temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom is yours,  
and the power and the glory,  
forever. Amen. <sup>51</sup>

**#58** If you forgive others *for* their trespasses *then* your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others *for* their trespasses *then* neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. <sup>51</sup>

**#61** Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust corrupt and where thieves break through and steal. Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust corrupt and where thieves do not break through or steal.

**#62** Do not be afraid, little flock. For it is your Father's good pleasure to give the kingdom *of God* to you.

**#65** No one can serve two masters. For either they will hate the one and love the other, or else they will hold to the one and despise the other. <sup>52</sup>

You cannot serve God  
and *worldly* treasures. <sup>52</sup>

**#66** Take heed and beware of covetousness. For one's life *is not to be found* in the abundance *of things* one possesses. <sup>128</sup>

**#73** Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added to you. <sup>52</sup>

**#75** Do not judge *so* that you *will* not be judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged. With what gauge you measure, it will be measured to you again. <sup>52</sup>

**#76** Give and it will be given to you: Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over. Others will give to your innermost *needs*. For with the same gauge with which you measure it will be measured to you again. <sup>117</sup>

**#80** Ask and it will be given to you. Seek and you will find.

Knock and it will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks receives and *those* who seek *will* find and to *those* who knock it will be opened. <sup>52</sup>

**#82** - - - *The Golden Rule* - - -

Therefore all things whatsoever you would that others should do to you, you do to them. For this is *the sum of* the law and the prophets. <sup>53</sup>

**#84** Beware of false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are greedy wolves. You will know them by their fruits. <sup>53</sup>

**#86** Not everyone who says to me: Lord, Lord, will enter into the kingdom of heaven, but *only those* who do the will of my Father in heaven. <sup>53</sup>

**#91** Go and learn what *this* means: I will have mercy and not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance. <sup>55</sup>

**#92** Do not be afraid.  
Only believe. <sup>90</sup>

**#95** As you go, proclaim *the Word*, say: The kingdom of heaven is *very* near. <sup>56</sup>

**#106** ... there is nothing covered that will not be revealed and *nothing* hidden that will not be known. <sup>57</sup>

**#109** Whoever will confess me before people, I will confess before my Father in heaven. But whoever will deny me before people, I will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>57</sup>

**#114** Come to me  
all *you* who labor  
and are heavily burdened.  
I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you  
and learn of me.  
For I am meek and lowly  
in heart. You will find  
rest for your souls.  
For my yoke *is* easy  
and my burden is light. <sup>58</sup>

**#115** You are overly anxious and troubled about *too* many things. But one thing is necessary: *giving heed to the Word of God* ... <sup>125</sup>

**#118** Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation. Every city or house divided against itself will not stand. <sup>59</sup>

**#119** *Those* who are not with me are against me. *Those* who do not gather with me scatter. <sup>59</sup>

**#122** ... out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good person out of good treasure of the heart brings forth good things. An evil person out of evil treasure brings forth evil things. <sup>60</sup>

**#123** ... *for* every idle word that people speak, they will give *an* account of it on the day of judgment.

For by your words  
you will be justified  
and by your words  
you will be condemned. <sup>60</sup>

**#124** ... *blessed are those* who hear the Word of God and keep it. <sup>126</sup>

**#125** ... whoever does the will of my Father in heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother. <sup>60</sup>

**#130** Be of good cheer. I am *with you*. Do not be afraid. <sup>63</sup>

**#132** This is the work of God: That you believe in *the one* whom He has sent. <sup>23</sup>

*Key verses from The Most Essential Truth in the Bible*

**#137** Truly truly I say to you:

Those who believe in me  
have eternal life. <sup>24</sup>

**#141** If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear. Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, filthiness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, and foolishness. These are *the things* that defile a person ... <sup>64</sup>

**#142** If anyone will come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever would save their life will lose it and whoever would lose their life for my sake will find it. For what is anyone to profit if they gain the whole world and lose their own soul? Or what shall anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>66</sup>

**#143** If you can believe, all things are possible to *those* who believe. <sup>96</sup>

**#156** If anyone thirsts, let them come to me and drink. As the Scripture has said *of those* who believe in me: Out of their innermost being will flow rivers of living water. <sup>26</sup>

**#157** If you continue  
in my Word *then*  
you are indeed  
my disciples.  
You shall know the truth  
and the truth  
will make you free. <sup>27</sup>

**#159** Truly, truly, I say to you: If anyone keeps my Word, they will never see death. <sup>28</sup>

**#161** I am the door. If anyone enters in through me, they will be saved ... <sup>30</sup>

**#162** ... I have come *so* that they *might* have life and have *it* more abundantly. <sup>30</sup>

**#177** I am the resurrection and the life. *Those* who believe in me, though they were dead, yet shall they live.

Whoever lives and believes  
in me will never die.  
Do you believe this? <sup>31</sup>

**#182** Have you not read that He who made *them* at the beginning made them male and female and said: For this reason a man shall leave father and mother and cleave to his wife and they two shall be one flesh. Therefore they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together do not let anyone separate. <sup>68</sup>

**#186** If you will enter into life, keep the commandments. You shall do no murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. Honor your father and *your* mother. And, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>69</sup>

**#189** ... With God  
all things are possible. <sup>69</sup>

**#196** Truly I say to you: If you have faith and do not doubt, but say to this mountain: Be removed and be cast into the sea, it will be done. All things whatsoever you ask in prayer believing, you will receive. <sup>71</sup>

**#200** You err *by* not knowing the Scriptures or the power of God. <sup>73</sup>

**#201** What is written in the law?  
How do you read *it*?  
You shall love the Lord  
your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul  
and with all your mind.  
Do this and you will live.  
This is the first  
and great commandment. <sup>74, 124</sup>

**#202** The second *is* like it:  
You shall love your neighbor  
as yourself. <sup>74</sup>  
On these two commandments  
hang all the law and the prophets.

**#204** Do not be called Rabbi. For one is your Master, Christ. All *of* you are family. <sup>74</sup>

**#205** Do not call any *man* your father on the earth, for one is your Father, who is in heaven. Neither *should* you be called masters. For one is your Master, Christ. But one who is greatest among you shall be your servant. <sup>74</sup>

**#206** Whoever exalts themselves will be humbled and *those* who humble themselves will be exalted.

**#207** Take heed *so* that no one deceives you. <sup>75</sup>

**#211** Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away. <sup>76</sup>

**#223** A new commandment  
I give to you:  
That you love one another.  
As I have loved you,  
that you also love one another.  
By this all *people* will know  
that you are my disciples:  
If you have love  
toward one another. <sup>35</sup>

**#225** Do not let your heart be troubled. You believe in God. Believe also in me. <sup>36</sup>

**#226** I am the way,  
the truth, and the life.  
No one comes to the Father,  
but by me. <sup>36</sup>

**#229** If you love me,  
keep my commandments. <sup>36</sup>

**#230** *Those* who have my commandments and keep them are the ones who *truly* love me. *Those* who love me will be loved by my Father and I will love them and will reveal myself to them. If anyone loves me, they will keep my words and my Father will love them and we will come to them and live within them.

**#232** Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled *and do not* let it be afraid. <sup>37</sup>

*Key verses from The Most Essential Truth in the Bible*

**#235** I have spoken these things to you *so* that my joy might remain in you and *so that* your joy might be full.

**#236** This is my commandment:  
That you love one another  
as I have loved you. <sup>37</sup>

**#237** Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down one's *own* life for one's friends. <sup>37</sup>

**#242** I have spoken these things to you *so* that in me you might have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But be of good cheer. I have overcome the world. <sup>39</sup>

**#243** Watch and pray *so* that you do not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak. <sup>80</sup>

**#244** Peace to you. As *my* Father has sent me, even so I *now* send you.

**#245** Receive *the* Holy Spirit. <sup>44</sup>

**#246** Follow me. <sup>45</sup>

**#247** Go therefore  
and teach all nations,  
baptizing them  
in the name of the Father  
and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit,  
teaching them to observe  
all things whatsoever  
I have commanded you.  
Behold I am with you always,  
*even* to the end of the world. <sup>84</sup>

**#248** *Those* who believe and are baptized will be saved, but *those* who do not believe will be damned. <sup>107</sup>

**#249**

*--- The Invitation ---*

Behold, I stand at the door and knock.

If anyone *will* hear my voice  
and open the door,

I will come in to them  
and dine<sup>+</sup> with them  
and they with me. <sup>287</sup>

*Please also read the Cordial Invitation  
on the last page of this book*