

Walking Bibles



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When I was growing up, I would, periodically, have opportunity to see another young boy. I think this boy was just a little older than I was. I don't remember a lot about the time we spent playing together, but I do remember one thing. At least around the kids I knew, this boy was known as a "walking Bible." He always seemed to know the answers to the Bible questions. If you were playing a game involving Bible trivia, you definitely wanted this boy on your team (even if you were an adult). Now, looking back, I think about why more people are not "walking Bibles" and why more are not training themselves or others to become one.

1) The Bible has all the answers. I see and talk with people who are walking, talking books of knowledge about so many things. There are avid sports fans who can recite just about any stat or information that concerns their favorite sport, team, or player. There are avid movie/television watchers who can talk all about their favorite shows and recite entire scenes (sometimes all/most of an entire movie). There are reading junkies who can recite poems and the detailed storylines of books and plays. There are people who work in a particular career field who can tell you everything you need to know about doing the job they did for so long. Yet, whenever it comes to knowing the Bible, *these same people* make excuses for why they "can't" remember any of it.

Could it simply be that we just do not put as much emphasis on the Bible as we should? Could it be that we know so much about these other things for the simple fact that we spend much more time with them? Surely, if we would put as much time, energy, and effort into getting to know the Bible, we could be able (at least) to recite it much better than we do currently. After all, we must recognize that God's word has all of the answers to all of life's problems and leads us to eternal life in Heaven. 2 Peter 1:3 says that God has (according to His divine power) "given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness."

2) All of God's people should be "walking Bibles." God wants all of His people to be diligent in studying His saving message. 2 Timothy 2:15 says, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

1 Peter 3:15 says, “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.” You can learn God’s word and know it well enough to answer the questions people around you have – if you will devote yourself to seriously studying God’s word every day (Acts 17:11). But, don’t forget that God wants you to put all of this Bible knowledge into practice so that your life will show His truth to others as well (see James 1:22-25 and Matthew 5:14-16).

3) All of God’s people should train others to be “walking Bibles.” God does not want His people to gain Bible knowledge and then keep it all to themselves. Instead, God expects His people to be sharing what knowledge they have gained with others. In doing so, you will be helping others to become “walking Bibles.” In fact, God’s word teaches that we are to be involved in making disciples (see Matthew 28:18-20). This disciple-making process involves teaching the gospel, baptizing, and then continuing to teach. One area that God’s people should certainly be focusing on is to train their children and grandchildren to be “walking Bibles” by passing on their knowledge to them (see Deuteronomy 6:6-9 and Ephesians 6:4). When we train others in this way, they will be able to train even more to be “walking Bibles” (2 Timothy 2:2).

Are you a “walking Bible”? Do you have the knowledge of God’s word hidden in your heart so much that you can use it in your daily life to make the right decisions even when you are not near a physical copy of God’s word? Psalm 119:11 says, “Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.” Do others know that they can come to you to get a Bible answer to their question? Then, are you helping others learn the word of God? If not, why not? You can start or continue your training today!

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