



**WELCOME to DAY 1 of my
Open Heart Bible Study Challenge**

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Why do we need to know how to find things in the Bible?

- Matthew 24:24 (Amplified)** - *For false Christs and false prophets will appear and they will provide great signs and wonders, so as to deceive, if possible, even the elect (God's chosen ones).*

- 1 John 4:1 (Amplified) - [Testing the Spirits]** - *Beloved, do not believe every spirit [speaking through a self-proclaimed prophet]; instead test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets and teachers have gone out into the world.*

- Hosea 4: 6(a) (New Living Translation)** - *My people are being destroyed because they don't know me. Since you priests refuse to know me, I refuse to recognize you as my priests. (Had to search in Google to find this in Bible Gateway - people perish for lack of knowledge)*

- Mark 7:7 (Amplified)** - *'They worship Me in vain [their worship is meaningless and worthless, a pretense], Teaching the precepts of men as doctrines [giving their traditions equal weight with the Scriptures].'*

- Ephesians 4:14 (New Living Translation)** - *Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.*
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- Matthew 4: 1-4 (Amplified)** - *Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. During that time the devil[a] came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'[b]"*
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- 2 Corinthians 10: 3-5 (King James Version)** - *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*
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- Romans 5:1 (Living Bible)** - *So now, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith in his promises, we can have real peace with him because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.*
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- 2 Timothy 3:16 (New Living Translation)** - *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.*

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- 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 (New Living Translation) - Live to Please God:** *Finally, dear brothers and sisters,[a] we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you. You live this way already, and we encourage you to do so even more. For you remember what we taught you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. Then each of you will control his own body[b] and live in holiness and honor — not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways. Never harm or cheat a fellow believer in this matter by violating his wife,[c] for the Lord avenges all such sins, as we have solemnly warned you before. God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.*
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- Matthew 6: 9-13 (Amplified)** - *“Pray, then, in this way: ‘Our Father, who is in heaven,Hallowed be 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 our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors [letting go of both the wrong and the resentment].‘And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.】’*
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If you want to pray with authority, the Bible is full of prayers that you can use to pray for yourself and others by inserting their name.

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