

Why We Earnestly Teach The Bible

If I were the devil, one of my first aims would be to stop folk from digging into the Bible. Knowing that it is the Word of God, teaching men to know and love and serve the God of the Word, I should do all I could...to frighten people off...from using their minds in a disciplined way to get the measure of its message.

J.I. Packer

1. It's living

2. It's transformative

3. It's confrontational

4. It's unavoidable

It's authoritative

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Author	Date Written	Earliest Copy	Approximate Time Span between original & copy	Number of Copies	Accuracy of Copies
Lucretius	died 55 or 53 B.C.		1100 yrs	2	----
Pliny	A.D. 61-113	A.D. 850	750 yrs	7	----
Plato	427-347 B.C.	A.D. 900	1200 yrs	7	----
Demosthenes	4th Cent. B.C.	A.D. 1100	800 yrs	8	----
Herodotus	480-425 B.C.	A.D. 900	1300 yrs	8	----
Suetonius	A.D. 75-160	A.D. 950	800 yrs	8	----
Thucydides	460-400 B.C.	A.D. 900	1300 yrs	8	----
Euripides	480-406 B.C.	A.D. 1100	1300 yrs	9	----
Aristophanes	450-385 B.C.	A.D. 900	1200	10	----
Caesar	100-44 B.C.	A.D. 900	1000	10	----
Livy	59 BC-AD 17	----	???	20	----
Tacitus	circa A.D. 100	A.D. 1100	1000 yrs	20	----
Aristotle	384-322 B.C.	A.D. 1100	1400	49	----
Sophocles	496-406 B.C.	A.D. 1000	1400 yrs	193	----
Homer (Iliad)	900 B.C.	400 B.C.	500 yrs	643	95%
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The Bible is the eternal expression of the mind of God.

A .W. Tozer

”The Lord says...”

2000 times

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You will know the truth about God.

2 Timothy 3

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teaching, **rebuking***

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You will see wrong beliefs and behavior.

The Bible is alive, it speaks to me, it has feet,
it runs after me, it has hands, it lays hold of me.

Luther

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Produces desire and ability to change

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Matures you for greater obedience and service

It's life-giving

1 Peter 1

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*(22) you have **purified** yourselves by obeying the **truth** so that you have **sincere love** for each other....(23) you have been born again*





Romans 10:13,14

*“Everyone who **calls** on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How, then, can they **call** on the one they have **not believed** in? And how can they **believe** in the one of whom they have not **heard**? And how can they **hear** without someone **preaching** to them?*

It's enduring

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*(23) For you have been born again...through the living and **enduring** word of God.*

1 Peter 1

(24) All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, (25) but the word of the Lord endures forever.”

Isaiah 40

Chapters 1-39 Judgment

Chapters 40-66 Hope after judgment

Isaiah 40

(7) “All people are like grass... (8) The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.”

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1 Peter 1:25

*And this is the word that was **preached** to you.*

Preach – Euangelion – run with good news

Luke 2:10,11

I bring you good news ...a Savior has been born

It's illuminating

2 Peter 1

(16) For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

Mark 9

(2) Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone.

Mark 9

(2) There he was transfigured before them. (3) His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.

Mark 9

(7) Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love.

2 Peter 1

(18) We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

2 Peter 1

(19) We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable...

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(19) We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it,

Mark 9

(7) “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

Listen to Him (Mark 9:7)

pay attention to it (2 Peter 1:19)

There are brothers and sisters in Christ in this world who have no copy of God's word because of government and religious oppression over them.

There are believers who own a copy but must hide in secret to study it.

There are churches where the pastor is the only one who owns a copy and must travel from village to village teaching out of it so believers can learn what God says through his Word. There are non-believers who hide in secret to discover what the Bible says about God, doing so in secret because they fear what might happen to them if they are caught simply reading it

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Steve Shirmer, Silk Road Catalyst

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Psalm 119

*(105) Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.*

New Testament

(1 Chapter)

Psalms

(1 Chapter)

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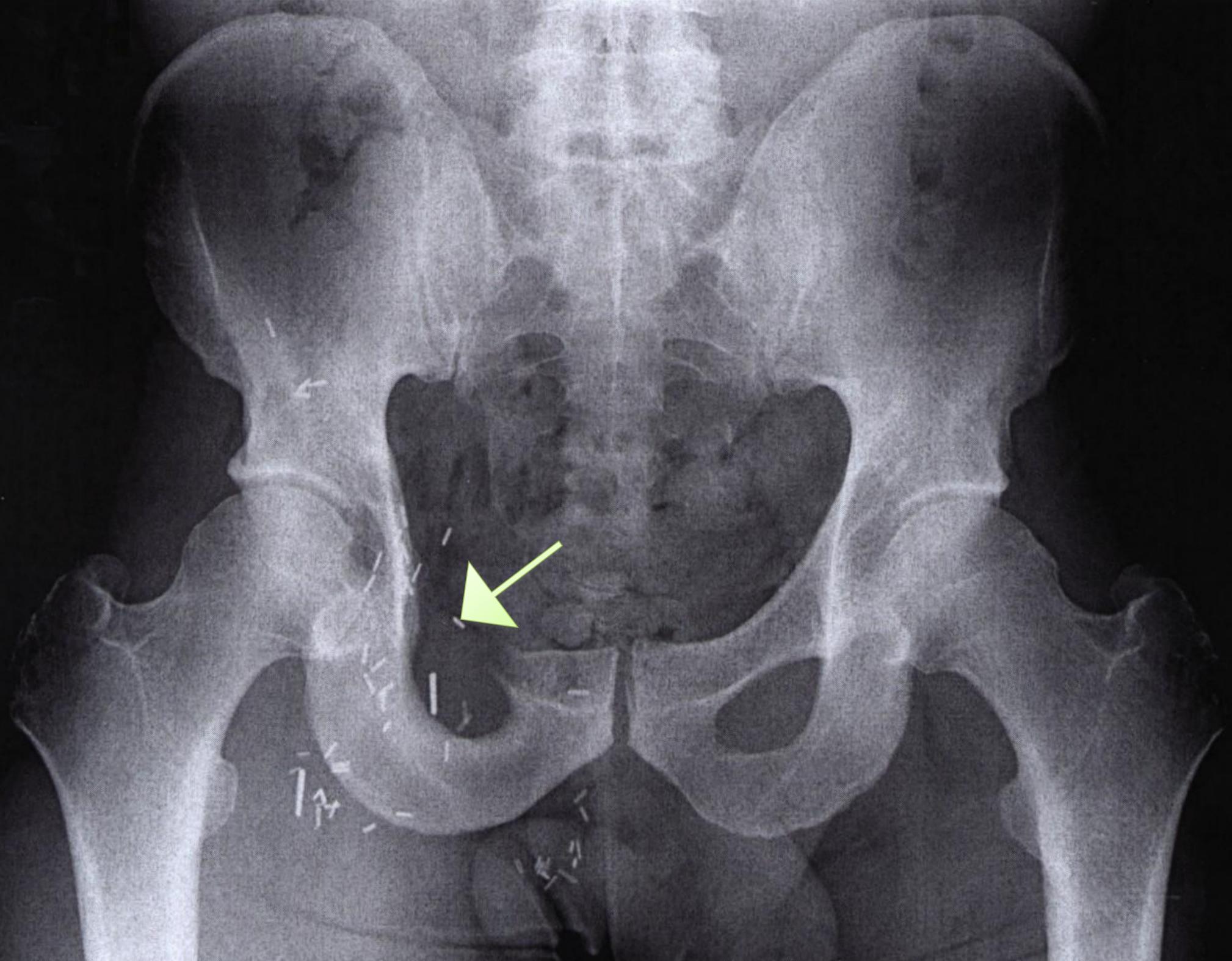
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Psalm 51

(8) Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

God will strengthen me in the darkness until the dawn of eternity begins, when I will see Jesus, whose glory is brighter than any morning star.