

**Eat This Book.**

*Revelation 10:9*

*That was awkward.*

*"No one knows the day or the hour..."*

*Matthew 24:36*

# What Does This Text Say About God?

- This is the key question of all Bible Study.
- Ex., *What does Ps.23 tell me about God?*



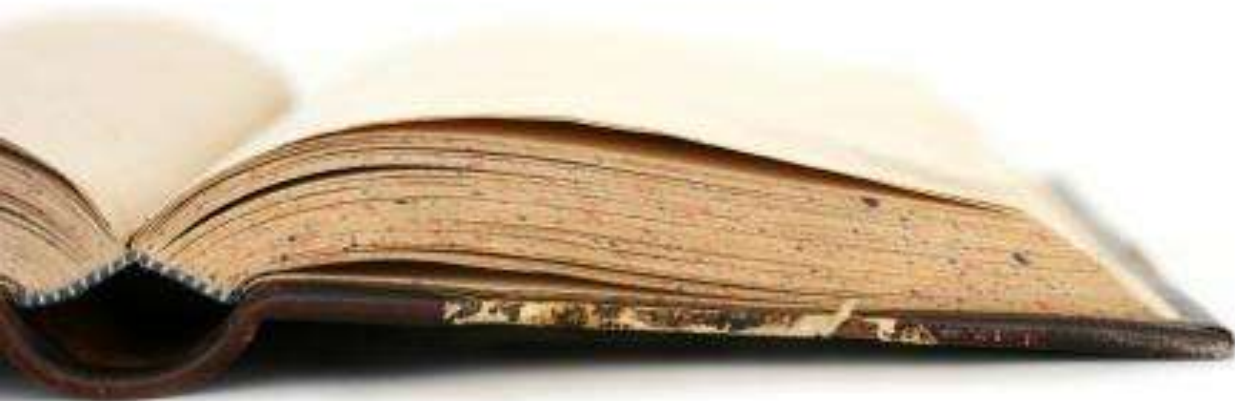
# “How Do I Fit In?”

- What is learned must be applied.
- What does this change for me? How does it strengthen me?
- “Theology is the application of scripture to life” – John Frame
- Allow Scripture to shape you.




**MAJOR THEME:**

Communion With God



# 1. LEARN THE STORY OF THE BIBLE

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- There are four component parts of the Old Testament and four component parts of the New Testament.
  - The Bible, in 66 books, is laid out in 8 sections that give us God's story of history.

A close-up photograph of a person in a dark suit, white shirt, and yellow tie, holding an open black Bible. The Bible's pages are yellowed with age. The words "HOLY BIBLE" are embossed in gold on the cover. The person's hands are visible, with a gold ring on the ring finger of the left hand. The background is blurred.

# OLD TESTAMENT:

- 5 Books of Law (Genesis – Deuteronomy)
- 12 Books of History (Joshua – Esther)
- 5 Books of Poetry (Job – Song of Solomon)
- 17 Books of Prophets (Isaiah – Malachi)

# 8 OLD TESTAMENT

## HEROES :

- ADAM
- NOAH
- ABRAHAM
- MOSES
- JOSHUA
- DAVID
- ELIJAH
- NEHEMIAH



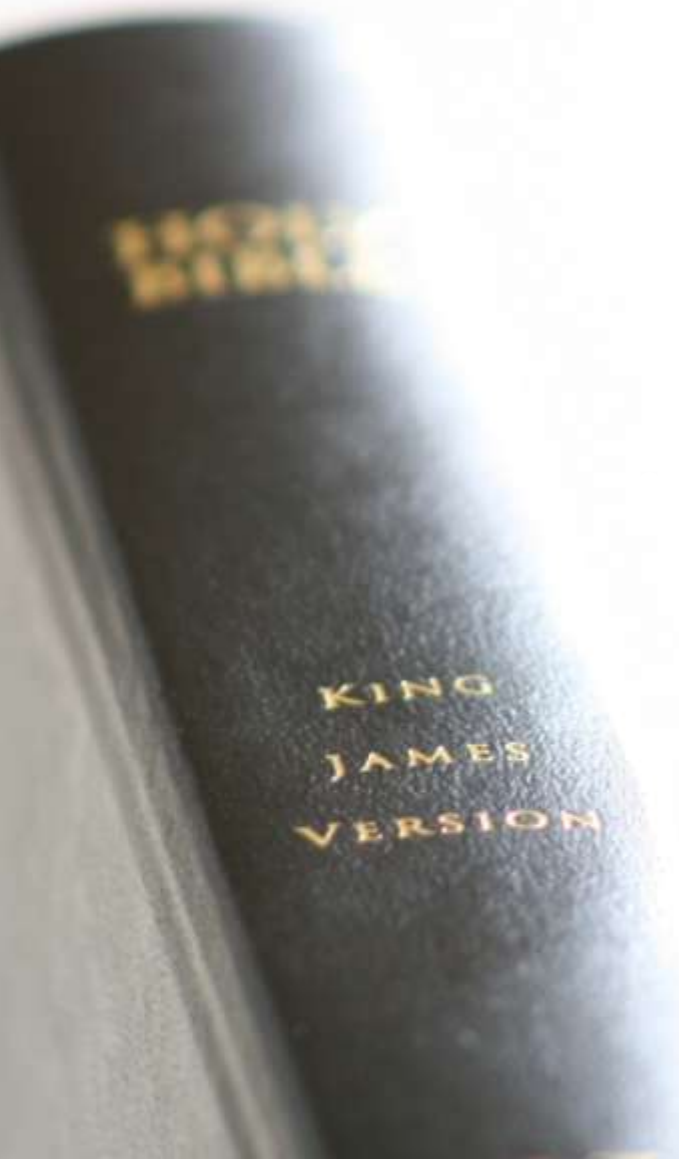
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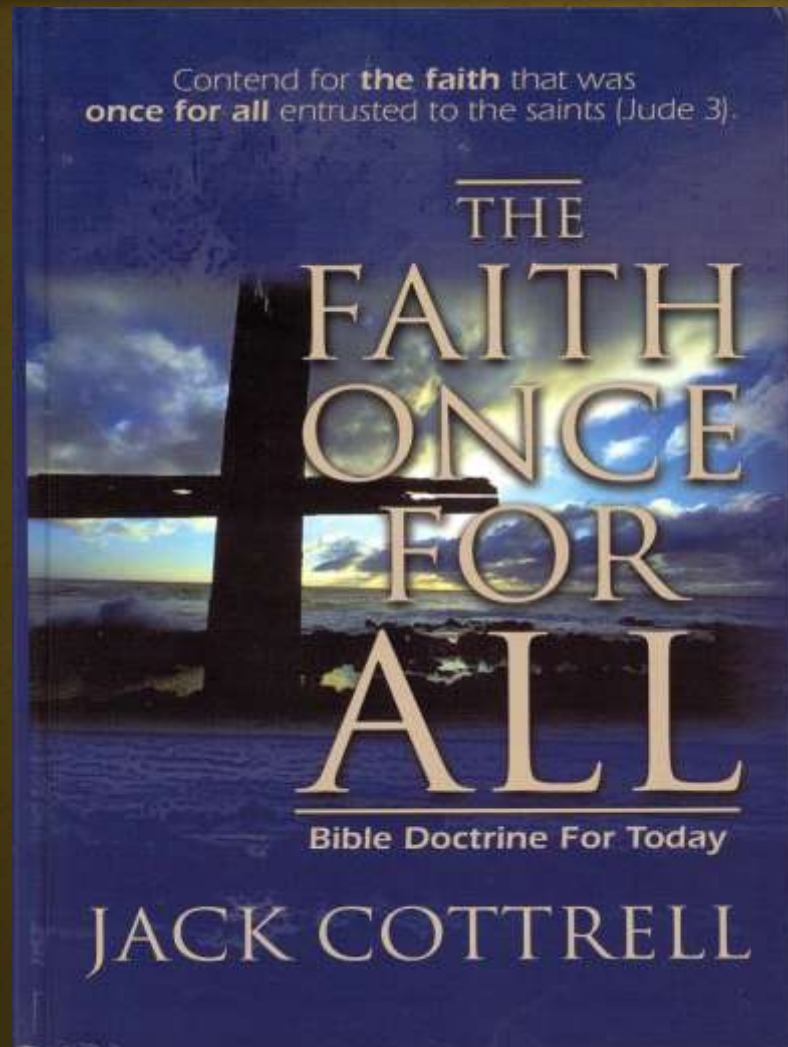
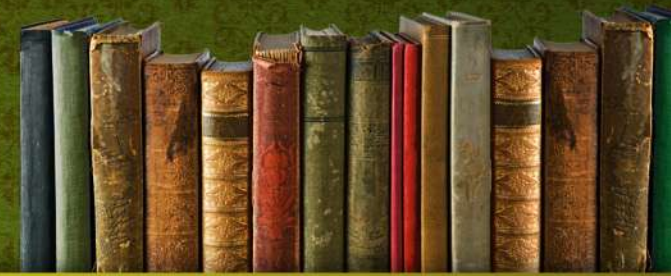
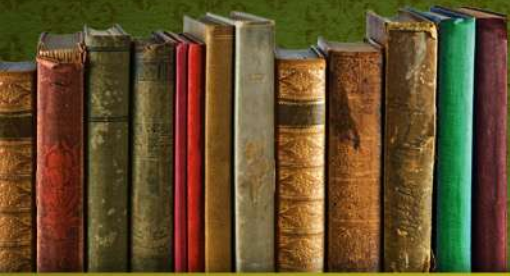
- **The Life of Christ** (Matthew – John)
- **How to Become a Christian** (Acts)
- **How to Live as a Christian** (Rom. – Jude)
- **How to Die Faithfully in the Lord** (Rev.)

## 2. LEARN THE GREAT THEMES OF THE BIBLE

*Examples:* God's love, Grace, Faith, Judgment, Sin, God's Sovereignty.

The best way to learn some Bible teachings quickly is to get some great resources that will teach you about them.





**Jack Cottrell -**  
*The Faith Once For All*



# 3. Pay Careful Attention to the Context

– (Psalm 119:160) “The sum of your word is truth”

# 4. Learn the Background

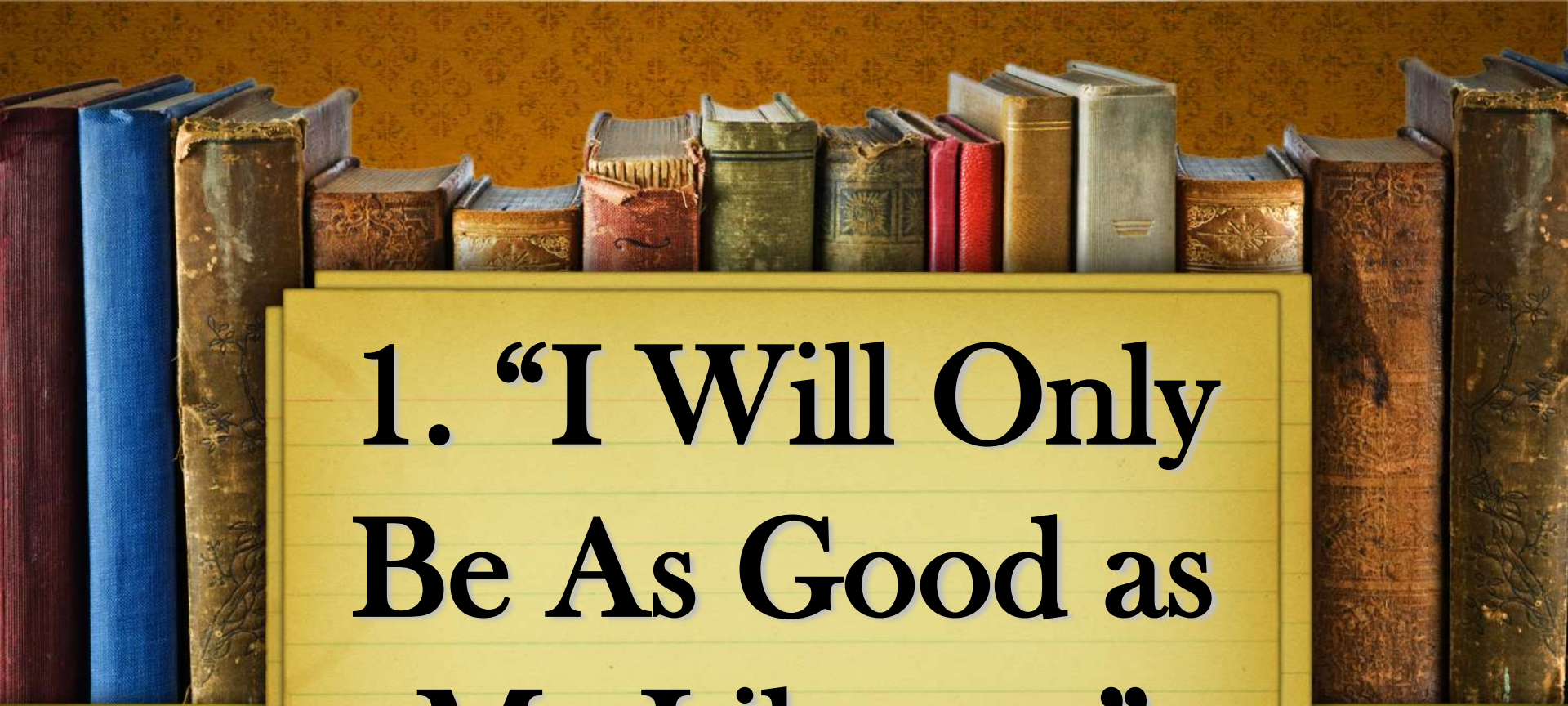
## THE REVELATION OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE.

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Revelation to the seven churches of Asia. 7 The  
His glorious power and majesty.  
of Jēsus Christ, which God  
to shew unto his servants  
shortly come to pass; and  
by his angel unto his  
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3 / Blessed is he that readeth, and they  
the words of this prophecy, and keep the  
which are written therein; for the time is  
JOHN to the seven churches which  
I have written to you, and  
which was, and  
which shall be.

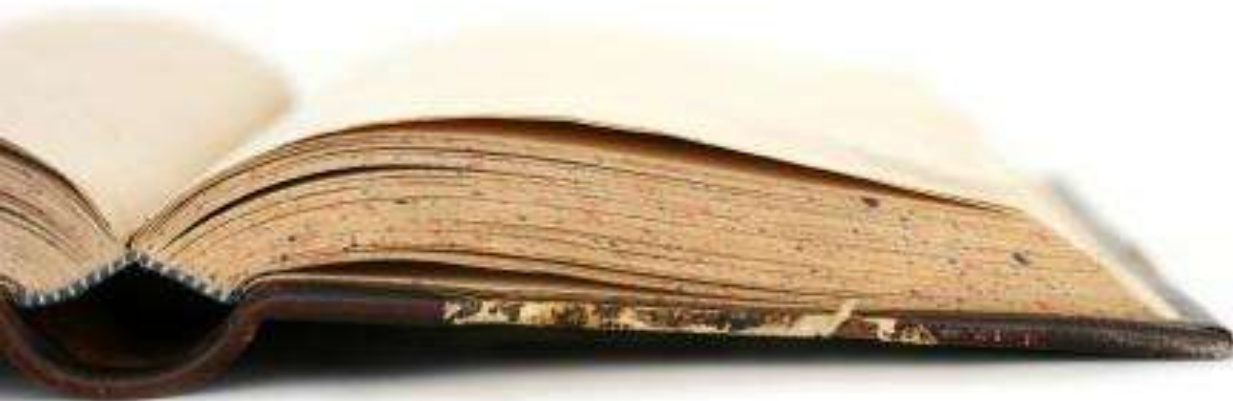
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- Types of writing
- Archaeology
- Text Criticism
- Critical Thinking



1. “I Will Only  
Be As Good as  
My Library.”

**(2 Timothy 4:13 KJV) The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments.**

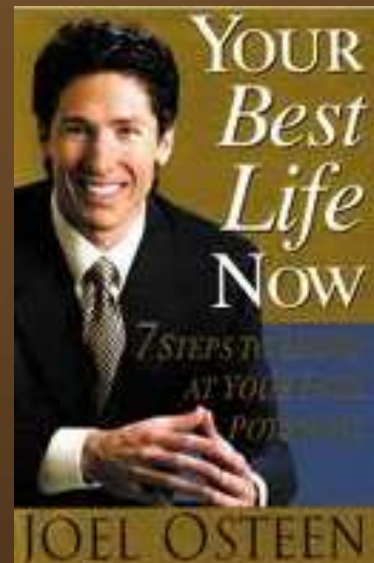
**(Ecclesiastes 12:12 KJV) And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.**



# “I Will Become What I Read.”



- We must have balance and common sense in what we read.






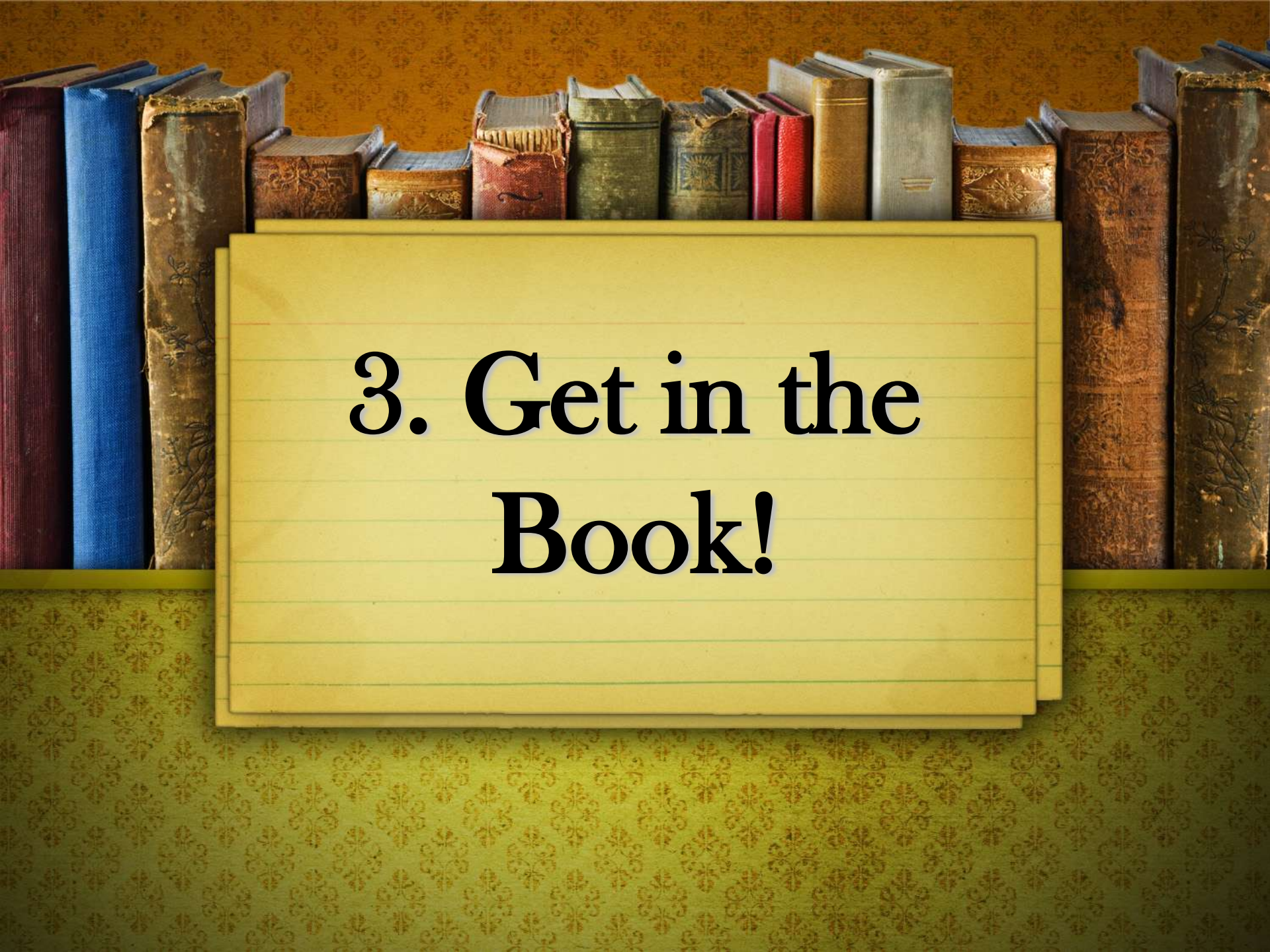
*Suggestions for Selecting Books:*

- 1) ***Build your library around reference books.***
- 2) ***Begin with brotherhood resources and work outward to evangelical resources.***
- 3) ***Balance yourself between classics of old and newer scholarship.***
- 4) ***Read as deeply as possible in order to grow.***
- 5) ***Challenge everything you read.***  
(1Thess.5:21)
- 6) ***Balance yourself between the scholarly and the practical.*** (James 1:22)
- 7) ***Strive to be scholarly!*** Understand the subject, speak deeply on it, present your case truthfully in love, be willing to contradict falsehood appropriately, and know how to answer objections.



A row of old, worn books on a shelf, with a yellow notepad in the foreground containing the text '2. Memorize Scripture'. The books are of various colors and sizes, some with decorative covers. The notepad is yellow with horizontal lines and is placed in front of the books. The background is a textured, brownish-gold wall.

## 2. Memorize Scripture

A row of old, worn books with various colored spines (blue, brown, red, green, gold) sits on a shelf. The background is a textured, patterned green and gold wallpaper. In the foreground, a yellow notepad with horizontal lines is placed over the books.

# 3. Get in the Book!

# Repetitious Reading Plan:

1. Take the first 7 chapters of Matthew, read them every day for one month.
2. The next month, read the next 7 chapters.
3. In 2½ years, you will have really learned th

