

# “More than conquerors”

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“...in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us” - Romans 8:37.

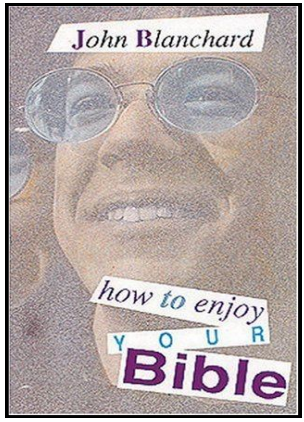
## Take and Read

### From our Library

This book is written out of two firmly held convictions. The first is that the Bible is the Word of God. There was a time when the meaning of that statement would have been absolutely clear and incapable of being misunderstood, but in these days words are being twisted and interpreted to mean almost anything.

His second conviction is that Christians are meant to enjoy the Bible. It is meant to be a constant means of enlightenment, enrichment and encouragement, its dynamic influence bringing a deepening joy into our daily lives.

However, this is not basically meant to be a rescue operation. It is written by an ordinary Christian to other ordinary Christians, explaining very simply from his own study and experience why and how we can enjoy the Bible and find it to be a daily source of spiritual power.



### Reviews

*‘Do you want a lifetime of rich, delightful study of the Bible? Is there a simple, reliable, clear yet substantial resource that provides a superb background and framework? Yes! John Blanchard’s How to enjoy your Bible.’ J. Ligon Duncan III, First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi, USA*

*‘Simple, vivid, warm, practical and searching, it is all that we have come to expect of its author.’  
Dr J. I. Packer, Professor of Theology, Regent College, Vancouver, Canada*

## Quote of the Month

*“ When we read the Bible we should not be like butterflies, which flit all over the garden and nothing comes out of their flitting. We should be like bees, who dive into the bells of the flowers, and come out full of honey for their hives.” - (C.H.Spurgeon)*

## Calendar of Events

### September 2008

- Sunday's Church Services — 7th,14th,21st,28th
- Tuesday's Women's Bible Study — 9th,23rd
- Wednesday's Church Bible Study — 3rd,10th,17th,24th
- Thursday's Prayer Meeting — 4th,18th



## The Pastor's Letter

Dear Brethren,

It never ceases to evoke a sense of wonder and worship in my heart that our God is a faithful God. For over eighteen years now we have experienced together God's manifest loyalty towards us, his children, whom he has called into his kingdom.

By his faithfulness God infallibly fulfils his designs and performs his promises. His faithfulness appears in the fulfillment of what he has said with respect to Christ. Whoever will carefully compare the predictions of the birth, poverty, life, sufferings, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ, with the accomplishment of the same prophecies, will find a striking demonstration of the faithfulness of God. Besides, God extends his faithfulness in the performance of his promises which he has made to us, his people. He has surely done according to his Word. At the appropriate time he has joined us savingly to Christ: "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Cor.1:9). Throughout our walk as disciples of Christ, our Father has supported us in temptation: "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (1 Cor. 10:13).

And we may confidently look forward to his perfecting the work of grace in our hearts. "Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul and body, be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it" (1 Thes.5:23,24). We may have gone through hard and trying times, but like Samuel it will be appropriate for us to take a stone and call its name Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far the Lord has helped us' (1 Samuel 7:12). How reasonable it will be for us all to respond by walking faithfully, day by day, with our faithful Redeemer!

Shalom

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## Catechism Corner

**Question 1** What is the chief end of man?

**Answer 1** Man's chief end is to glorify God, (1Cor. 10:31) and to enjoy him for ever. (Psalms 73:25,26)

**Question 2** What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify him?

**Answer 2** The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments (Ephesians 2:20; 2Timothy 3:16) is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify God and enjoy him. (1John 1:3)

**Question 3** What do the Scriptures principally teach?

**Answer 3** The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man. (2Timothy 1:13; Eccles. 12:13)

**Question 4** What is God?

**Answer 4** God is Spirit, (John 4:24) infinite, (Job 11:7) eternal, (Psalms 90:2; 1Timothy 1:17) and unchangeable (James 1:17) in his being, (Exodus 3:14) wisdom, power, (Psalms 147:5) holiness, (Revelation 4:8) justice, goodness and truth. (Exodus 34:6,7)

**Question 5** Are there more Gods than one?

**Answer 5** There is but one only, (Deuteronomy 6:4) the living and true God. (Jeremiah 10:10)

## Remember and Learn

**REMEMBER** Esua (Genesis 25:25), Issachar (Genesis 30:18) and Absalom (2 Samuel 3:3), who were all children of godly parents, yet were themselves evil, and **LEARN** that it is not generation but regeneration that makes a person a Christian!



## Sayings of: - Martin Luther

- “I would rather obey God than work miracles.”
- “If I cannot find my experiences in the Bible, they are not from the Lord but from the devil.”
- “The moment I consider myself and Christ as two, I am gone.”
- “What is to become great is to begin small”.



## Experimental Christianity

### 15 things to help you get the most from reading your Bible.

*Based on Thomas Watson's 'How to get the most from reading your Bible'*

To the true Christian, and especially to the true Evangelical, the Bible is the only authority on all matters of faith and life. The Christian knows that the Bible does not 'contain' the Word of God, the Bible 'is' the word of God! That is why it is hoped that all true Christians treasure it and read it daily. The following thoughts are given with the hope that they will help you to get the most from your Bible reading.

1. Remove hindrances and any distracting concerns of this world.
2. Prepare your heart by not coming to your reading rashly or carelessly, by collecting your thoughts and purging any unclean affections and desires.
3. Read with seriousness and reverence, considering that in each line God is speaking to you.
4. Get a full and true understanding of Scripture by comparing relevant parts of Scripture with each other. Compare Scripture with Scripture.
5. Do your best to remember what you read and do not let it be stolen from you. If it doesn't stay in your memory it is unlikely to be much benefit to you.
6. Meditate on what you read. One verse, chosen to meet our needs, read ten times and then laid up in the heart, is better than ten verses read only once.
7. Read with an honest and a humble heart, as you acknowledge that you are unworthy that God should reveal Himself to you. You must draw near to the Bible not to teach but to learn, not like the master of it but like a humble scholar seeking to understand it and be taught by it.
8. Believe it **all** to be God's Holy Word. We must listen to ALL that God says and not come to the Bible and pick and choose what we like, accepting this and rejecting that. Pay close attention to the commands of the Word as much as the promises. Think of how you need direction as much as you need comfort.
9. Prize and value the Bible highly, love it ardently and never neglect it.
10. Compare yourself to the Word. Apply to yourself everything that you read and put into practice what you read. It is not enough to see a doctrine clearly in the Bible. Do you see it in your heart?
11. Don't get carried away with minor details, rather make sure to pay closest attention to the great truths.
12. Pay special attention to those passages that speak to your individual, particular and present situation, and also to the examples and lives of people in the Bible.
13. Pray that you will profit from your reading. Nobody is nourished just by studying menus!
14. Make sure to put yourself under a true ministry of the Word, faithfully and thoroughly expounding the Word and be earnest and eager in waiting on it.
15. Do not be discouraged by any natural obstacle. Remember that you may still be able to profit from reading even though your memory is bad, you don't seem to profit as much as others do, and may feel slow of understanding.

Therefore love the Bible, be familiar with all of it, absorb it. Read it regularly, reverently, prayerfully and humbly.