



## WHY STUDY SCRIPTURE? – A FEW GOOD QUOTES

“All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

--2 Timothy 3:16-17

"Ignorance of the Bible means ignorance of Christ... What other life can there be without knowledge of the Bible, wherein Christ, the life of them that believe, is set before us?"

--St. Jerome (340-420)

"Scripture reading and prayer are the arms by which hell is conquered and paradise won."

--St Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

“If aught could sustain and support a wise man in this life or help him to preserve his equanimity amid the conflicts of the world, it is, I reckon, meditation on and knowledge of the Bible.”

--Benedict XV, *Spiritus Paraclitus*, 1920

"God speaks to each of us through sacred Scripture and has a message for each of us. We shouldn't read sacred Scripture as a word from the past, but rather as the word of God addressed even to us, and we must try to understand what the Lord is telling us."

--Benedict XVI, 11/7/2007 General Audience

"By reading the scriptures I am so renewed that all nature seems renewed around me and with me. The sky seems to be a pure, a cooler blue, the trees a deeper green. The whole world is charged with the glory of God and I feel fire and music under my feet."

--Thomas Merton (1915-1968)

"All troubles of the Church, all the evils in the world, flow from this source: that men do not by clear and sound knowledge and serious consideration penetrate into the truths of Sacred Scripture."

--Attributed to St. Theresa of Avila (1515-1582)

“Exercise your mind, feed it daily with Holy Scripture.”

--St. Jerome (340-420)

“We have got, then, to read Holy Scripture assiduously; we have got to meditate on the Law of God day and night so that, as expert money-changers, we may be able to detect false coin from true."

--St. Jerome (340-420)