

### **Emotional Struggles**

Feeling Bitter

Thinking Destructively About Self or Others

Difficulty Forgiving Others

Feeling Discouraged

Experiencing Fear or Anxiety

40%

31%

14%



### Giving Into Temptation

Drinking to Excess
Viewing Pornography
Lashing Out In Anger
Gossiping
Lying

62% 59% 31% 28% 26%



#### A More Productive Faith

Giving Financially To Church
Discipling Others
Memorizing Scripture
Sharing Your Faith With Others

+416%

+407%

+231%

+228%



## Reading The Bible 4+ Days A Per Week Can Change Your Life

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## The Bible Acts As A Catalyst For Your Faith

Catalyst: A substance that accelerates effectiveness of a reaction or rate of change in something else

Formula
Word of God (4x) + Faith (mustard seed) =
Transformation

## The Bible Adds Spiritual Life and Power To You

<u>Living:</u> Lit = Spiritually alive

Active: Lit = Spiritually powerful

Carnal Man:

Spiritual Man:

The Battle

Man living in power of flesh

Man living in power of Spirit



#### Isaiah 40:29

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint."

# The Bible Separates The Spiritual From The Non-Spiritual In Your Life

(Word of God is) "Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow..." Heb 4:12

Proverbs 14:12 "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death."

John 15:1

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

#### The Bible Evaluates My Heart And Mind

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Jer 17:9

I'm just going to follow my heart!

- Feed Bitterness
- Hate the one that hurt you
- Don't Forgive...or Forget!

4:12 "Judges the heart" Lit = discern; discriminate between to divide right from wrong!

#### The Bible Exposes My True Character

Hidden:

Everything is seen; nothing is covered up

Uncovered:

Naked: Exposed; Nothing to hide behind

Laid Bare:

Lit = to expose the throat; to seize by throat



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