The B-I-B-L-E

Yes, That’s The Book For Me
B – Buy a Bible – Buy the truth, and sell it not

• Prov. 23:23

• “Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.”

• “Buy the truth” = does not mean it can be purchased with money
• “Consider truth as a thing of highest value, and spare no pains, cost, or sacrifice to obtain it.” (Pulpit Commentary)
• When we receive, believe and obey the word --- trusting in it completely --- then we have bought the word
Acts 19:16-20 – many books written by man ought to be burned

• And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified...
• [18] And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed
I – Investigate it

• By Serious study
• 2 Tim. 2:15
• “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
Ps. 119:11 – Knowledge keeps us from sin

• Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.
Hosea 4:6 – Ignorance keeps us from God

• My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee,...
B – Believe the Bible

• We cannot believe God and refuse his word
2 Tim. 3:16-17

• All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, (teaching) for reproof, (pointing out our sins) for correction (brings us back when we go astray)…
for instruction in righteousness: (right doing) That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works
1 Thess. 2:13

• For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.
L – Love the Bible

- Sadly, many do not love the Bible
- 2 Thess. 2:10
- “...they refused to love the truth and so be saved.”
For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.
Mk. 8:38

- Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.
E – Exemplify the Bible

- Exemplify = to show or illustrate by example (dictionary.com)
- We must demonstrate it in our lives
Mt. 5:13-16

- Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid...
Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
• We are to be an example to others
• 1 Tim. 4:12
• “Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, (manner of life) in charity, (love) in spirit, in faith, in purity”
• The word of God is to light our paths

• Ps. 119:105

• “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”
• We are to be doers, not hearers only
• Js. 1:22
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Conclusion

• The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you...
• It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here Paradise is restored, Heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our good the design, and the glory of God its end...
• It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents. (author unknown)