

Benefits of Consistent Bible Study [ANSWER KEY]

1) We greatly need to understand the overarching Biblical narrative & story of redemption.

Ephesians 1:7-10

⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

2) It enhances our prayer life, keeping our relationship with God from being one-sided.

Matthew 6:9-13

⁹ Pray then like this:

*“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.*

¹⁰ *Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

¹¹ *Give us this day our daily bread,*

¹² *and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.*

¹³ *And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

3) It shows us our main purpose in life - to glorify God.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

¹³ *The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments,
for this is the whole duty of man.*

4) So we can learn to trust and then obey.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

5) So we won't be found lukewarm.

Revelation 3:15-16

I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth.

6) So we won't stay infants in our faith.

1 Corinthians 3:1-3

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ² I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³ for you are still of the flesh.

7) It cultivates godliness, fruit of the Spirit, etc.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

8) So that we will be found righteous, covered by Jesus' blood, on the Day of Judgment.

Romans 6:3-5

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

9) We need to be able to judge with righteous judgment.

John 7:24

²⁴ Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

10) It increases our faith and diminishes our fear.

Jeremiah 17:8

He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

11) So that we will be thankful.

Colossians 3:16

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

12) Our reaction to Sunday worship is culmination of what we've been doing all week leading up to it.

Psalms 1:2

but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

13) We need to let our faith spill out into ALL areas of our life, not just there for Sunday worship.

Titus 2:11-14

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people,¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

14) We need to know how to respond to current events, at any given time.

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

15) We need to know how to answer others' questions (a common hang-up with personal evangelism).

1 Peter 3:15

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

16) God's Word makes order out of chaos, similar to what He did when He created the world.

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

17) So that we will become more like Jesus.

1 John 2:6

⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

18) God's Word brings purpose to the seemingly mundane things, such as housework.

Proverbs 31:27

*She looks well to the ways of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.*

19) A strong faith is the best kind of self-care, influencing our overall health for good.

Proverbs 3:7-8

*Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.*

⁸ *It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.*

20) Trends come and go, but our need for Jesus will never change.

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

21) We need to spend time WITH Jesus, our Savior (like Mary did) - our first priority isn't the house or anything else.

Luke 10:39-42

And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching.⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me."⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things,⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

22) The gospel brings great joy to the world.

Luke 2:10

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

23) We hunger for something more than the physical world.

Matthew 4:4

But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

24) We learn to see each person as a soul.

James 3:8-9

but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God.

25) We can more fully understand that we are already on the winning side.

John 16:33

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.

26) The Scriptures give us great comfort when we are suffering.

Psalm 119:76

Let your steadfast love comfort me according to your promise to your servant.

27) Understanding the gospel keeps your heart soft.

Romans 2:5

But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

28) So we can examine our hearts and make corrections where needed.

2 Corinthians 13:5

⁵Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!