

## WHY READ MY BIBLE? PART 3

Proverbs 4:20-23

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### MAIN TAKEAWAY

You experience God's best by building a daily habit of reading, applying, and meditating on His Word. The Bible is what helps us mature, grow strong, and fulfill our God-given purpose. God's Word is our source of life, it is medicine for our body, and it gives us strength and courage for our calling.

### KEY SCRIPTURES

- **Proverbs 4:20-23 (KJV)**

*"My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. <sup>21</sup> Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. <sup>22</sup> For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. <sup>23</sup> Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."*

- **Joshua 1:6-8 (KJV)**

*"Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them. <sup>7</sup> Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. <sup>8</sup> This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."*

### HOW TO HAVE GOD'S BEST

1. Reading my Bible and applying it daily.
  - a. **Give attention to:** Submit and obey the Word.
  - b. **Incline your ear:** Have the right attitude, and a posture of humility.
  - c. **Keep it before your eye:** Focus on the Word, not your circumstances.
  - d. **Guard your heart:** Watch what you're listening to, watching, and speaking.

### WHAT IS GOD'S BEST?

1. Healing & health.
2. Strength & courage.
3. Prosperity (resources).
4. Good success: A satisfied and fulfilled life.

## REFLECT & REVISIT

Go back and read Proverbs 4:20-23 and reflect on how you can apply those four steps to receive God's best:

- **Give attention to** – Start each day by reading your Bible *before* the noise of the day begins. Give it your full attention, like it's your most important appointment.
- **Incline your ear** – Listen with a teachable, humble attitude. Say: *"Lord, speak to me. I'm ready to listen and change."*
- **Keep it before your eyes** – Write down a key verse and put it where you'll see it—on your mirror, dashboard, or phone wallpaper.
- **Guard your heart** – Be selective with what you watch, hear, and say this week.  
Ask: *"Does this agree with God's Word or pull me away from it?"*