

The Source

The remnants of a Bible changed the lives of two men for the better. Two members of the Gideons, an international Bible distribution ministry, passed out dozens of New Testaments to schoolchildren in Joateca, El Salvador. When they returned in the afternoon they found about 25 New Testaments ripped up and the pages blowing along the ground, Gideons International reports. Somewhat discouraged, still they continued their work, distributed 200 more New Testaments at the school, then started home.

Two miles outside the village they stopped for refreshments and saw a drunk man holding a New Testament page in his hand. "As he was reading this one page he was crying," the ministry said. The two men spent time talking with the man and he later became a Christian. The man's estranged father saw the men praying with his son and asked if he could become a Christian, too. Later, the two men embraced and forgave each other of past sins against each other.—*Religion Today*, October 1999

You get faith from reading the Bible. Every word you read gives you more faith. "Faith comes by hearing the Word of God," the apostle Paul says in Romans 10:17. Faith comes to you by hearing God's Word, reading God's Word, or even listening to someone who is teaching you about God's Words. It strengthens your faith; it gives you more faith. So the more you read the Bible or hear the words of God, the more faith you will have, and then the less worry, fear, and stress you will have.

—*David Brandt Berg*

The book to read is not the one which thinks for you, but the one which makes *you* think. No book in the world equals the Bible for that.—*James McCosh*

It is impossible to enslave, mentally or socially, a Bible-reading people. The principles of the Bible are the groundwork of human freedom.—*Horace Greeley*

The entrance of Thy Words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple (Psalm 119:130, KJV).

Thy Words were found, and I did eat them; and Thy Word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart (Jeremiah 15:16, KJV).

For sheer beauty of the language, you can't beat the Bible! But what I love is not just what it says, but how it changes me. The Bible reaches down into your heart and touches you and changes you. It lifts you up out of your problems by showing you that God is real, He is love, and He loves you. That's what everyone needs—His love—and the Bible tells you how to get it.—*D.B.B.*