

IV. CHOOSE TO KNOW THE **AUTHOR** OF THE BIBLE

- A. The Bible is a spiritual book written by God and can only be **properly** understood by spiritual people who have a relationship with God.

“12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

13 These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.

16 For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.” I Corinthians 2:12-16

The more you know the author of the Bible the more you will understand the Bible.

- B. Do you know God and have a **relationship** with Him?

“that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9

“For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” Romans 10:13

LIVE A LIFE OF SIGNIFICANCE THROUGH THE POWER OF BELIEF

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IMPACT ~ THE POWER OF A SIGNIFICANT LIFE The Power Of Belief Pastor Steve Reynolds

INTRODUCTION

- A. Will 2017 be another year of sameness for you or a new year of significance?

Three levels of living:

- Live for **survival**.
- Live for **success**.
- Live for **significance**.

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Impact means to have a strong and lasting **Godly** effect on the people around you.

- B. God’s desire is for you to live a life of meaning, and in this teaching series you will discover how your life can make an IMPACT!

Jan 8	The Power Of Prayer
TODAY	The Power Of Belief
Jan 22	The Power Of Health
Jan 29	The Power Of Generosity
Feb 5	The Power Of Team

- C. **TEXT:** Hebrews 4:12 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1175/New Testament)

THE POWER OF BELIEF

Right beliefs lead to right **actions** which lead to the right impact.

I. CHOOSE TO BASE YOUR BELIEFS **ON THE BIBLE**

A. Do not base your beliefs on:

- **Feelings**
- **Facts**
- **Philosophy**

B. The Bible is the **right** thing to base your beliefs.

“For the word of the LORD is right, And all His work is done in truth.”
Psalm 33:4

The three reasons you can trust the Bible:

- The Bible is written by **God**.
“20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”
II Peter 1:20-21
- The Bible is 100% **reliable**.
“For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.”
Matthew 5:18
- The Bible is **relevant** for today.
“16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
II Timothy 3:16-17

II. CHOOSE TO **READ** THE BIBLE

“Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.”
I Timothy 4:13

A. **When** should you read the Bible?

“This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

Joshua 1:8

B. **How** should you read the Bible?

Read the Bible using the **Growth Guide**.

- The Growth Guide will prepare you for each **day**.
- The Growth Guide will prepare you for each **Sunday**.

MAXIMUM IMPACT

Read the Bible using the Growth Guide.

III. CHOOSE TO **APPLY** THE BIBLE

A. The primary purpose of the Bible is not information, but **transformation**.

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”
James 1:22

B. Disobedience of the Bible is **sin**.

“Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.”
James 4:17