

BIBLIOLOGY

- A. Let's take a few moments and examine the importance of the Word of God to others down through the centuries.
- B. The quotes will be placed under key words of Bibliology - the study of the Bible.
 - 1. Revelation
 - 2. Authority
 - 3. Illumination
 - 4. Preservation
- C. The final quotes will encourage conviction and commitment

QUOTATIONS ON KEY WORDS

- A. Revelation - the communication of truth that cannot be otherwise discovered

Antony of Egypt (3rd C.), *Be astounded that God should have written to us.*

Ambrose (4th C.), *As in paradise, God walks in the Holy Scriptures, seeking man.*

Augustine (4th C.), *The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home.*

Chrysostom (4th C.), *It is not possible ever to exhaust the mind of the Scriptures. It is a well that has no bottom.*

Gregory the Great (6th C.), *The Bible is a stream wherein the elephant may swim and the lamb may wade.*

Timothy Dwight (18th C.), *The Bible is a window in this prison-world through which we may look into eternity.*

A. W. Tozer (20th C.), *The Bible is a supernatural book and can be understood only by supernatural aid.*

Henry Blackaby, *You never discover truth; truth is revealed.*

- B. Authority - divine revelation is binding on mankind

John Wycliffe (14th C.), *Holy Scripture is the preeminent authority for every Christian, and the rule of faith and of all human perfection. It alone is the supreme law that is to rule Church, State, and Christian life, without human traditions and statutes.*

What is asserted without the Scriptures or proven revelation may be held as an opinion, but need not be believed...A simple layman Martin Luther (16th C.), *armed with Scripture is to be believed above a pope or cardinal without it.*

- C. Illumination - the Holy Spirit directed the writers of Scripture as well as the readers

John Flavel (17th C.), *The Scriptures teach us the best way of living, the noblest way of suffering, and the most comfortable way of dying.*

Oswald Chambers (20th C.), *God's Book is packed full of overwhelming riches; they are unsearchable—the more we have the more there is to have.*

Donald Whitney, *No spiritual discipline is more important than the intake of God's Word.*

Chinese Student, *I am now reading the Bible and behaving it.*

Martin Luther, *The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me.*

D. Preservation - maintaining the integrity of the truth

Archbishop of Canterbury Arundel (1408), *...that pestilent and most wretched John Wycliffe, of damnable memory, a child of the old devil, and himself a child or pupil of Antichrist, who, while he lived, walking in the vanity of his mind - with a few other adjectives, adverbs, and verbs, which I shall not give - crowned his wickedness by translating the Scriptures into the mother tongue.*

John Wycliffe, *Christ and His Apostles taught the people in the language best known to them. It is certain that the truth of the Christian faith becomes more evident the more faith itself is known...The laity ought to understand the faith and, as doctrines of our faith are in the Scriptures, believers should have the Scriptures in a language which they fully understand.*

CONCLUSION

A. Conviction

Martin Luther, *I'd like all my books to be destroyed so that only the sacred writings in the Bible would be diligently read.*

Howard Hendricks, *The core problem is not that we are too passionate about bad things, but that we are not passionate enough about good things." Has the Word of God become your passion?*

Mark Twain (19th C.), *It ain't those parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand.*

B. Commitment

Charles H. Spurgeon (19th C.), *Nobody ever outgrows Scripture; the book widens and deepens with our years...Each man should use the word of God personally, practically, and habitually, that he may see his way and see what lies in it.*

Woodrow Wilson (20th C.), *I am sorry for men who do not read the Bible every day. I wonder why they deprive themselves of the strength and the pleasure.*

A. W. Tozer, *The sacred page is not meant to be the end, but only the means toward the end, which is knowing God Himself.*

Charles Ryrie, *The Bible is the greatest of all books; to study it is the noblest of all pursuits; to understand it, the highest of all goals.*