

# S.O.A.P.

## “Rock Solid”

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Satan declares war against “all who keep God’s commandments and confess that they belong to Jesus.” (Revelation 12:17)

“the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.” (Ephesians 6:17)

- S – Scripture
- O – Observation
- A – Application
- P - Prayer

1 Timothy 4:7 (NAS) “Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness.”

Romans 12:2(NLT) "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think."

Matthew 7:24-27 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

*“You Christians have in your keeping a document with enough dynamite...to turn society upside down; to bring peace to this war-torn world. But you read it as if it were just good literature, and nothing else.” – Mahatma Ghandi*

## **SEVEN REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD READ THE BIBLE EVERY DAY**

### **1<sup>ST</sup> – IT'S A ROCK SOLID FOUNDATION FOR YOUR LIFE.**

Matthew 4:4 "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Psalms 1:1-3 "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers."

### **2<sup>ND</sup> – IT'S A ROCK SOLID FOUNDATION FOR YOUR FAMILY.**

Proverbs 24:3-4 "By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures."

### **3<sup>RD</sup> – IT'S A ROCK SOLID FOUNDATION FOR YOUR BUSINESS.**

Joshua 1:8 "Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."

Ephesians 6:7 (NLT) "Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people."

### **4<sup>TH</sup> – IT'S A ROCK SOLID FOUNDATION FOR YOUR FINANCES.**

The world's most loved and best known Bible verse is **John 3:16**. "God so loved the world that He gave..." And what he gave was the **most valuable** thing he could have given - **His Son**.

Malachi 3:10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

The **two times** in the NT that it records **Jesus** mentioning the tithe, He says "**this you ought to do.**"

### **5<sup>TH</sup> – IT'S A ROCK SOLID FOUNDATION FOR OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.**

Psalms 19:7 (NLT) "The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul."

**The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple."**

Psalm 119:99 (NLT) **"I have more insight than my teachers, for I am always thinking of your laws."**

**Harvard professor emeritus of astronomy, Owen Gingerich said, "*Both the contemporary scientific account and the age-old biblical account assume a beginning... of everything springing forth from that blinding flash, bears a striking resonance with those succinct words of Gen. 1:3: "And God said, Let there be light."***

**2 Timothy 3:7 (NLT) describes as, "forever following new teachings, but never able to understand the truth."**

#### **6<sup>TH</sup> – IT'S A ROCK SOLID FOUNDATION FOR OUR GOVERNMENT,**

**Psalm 33:12 (NIV) "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD."**

**Isaiah 33:22 (NIV) "For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; it is he who will save us."**

#### **7<sup>TH</sup> – IT'S A ROCK SOLID FOUNDATION FOR OUR ETERNITY.**

**John 5:24 (NIV) "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."**

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