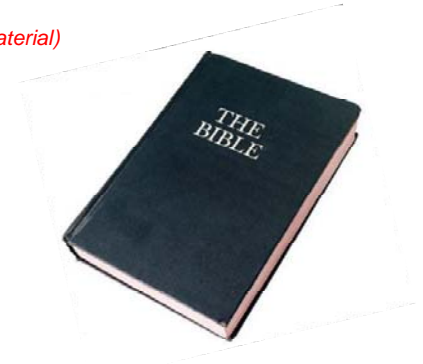


## **Excuses for Not Bringing Your Bible to Church**

*(Be assured, no Christian was browbeat or condemned in the production of this material)*

- I'm lazy
- What is a Bible?
- The Lord told me to leave it home today
- It is hard to read. Too many "these" and "thou" s
- I can barely come to church much less bring my Bible
- I read over my wife's shoulder when I feel like it
- That is between me and God
- It has been a tough week
- I hid it ... in my heart
- I listen to the Bible on CD
- I was running late getting everyone out of the house on time and left it on my kitchen table
- I left my Bible home as a prophetic symbolism on the state of the church in the United States
- The early church didn't have Bibles
- Before I got saved I used my Bible pages to roll my dope when I ran out of paper. It worked well. Little did I realize I would be preaching from it some day
- When aliens abducted me into their mother ship last night I witnessed to them and left my Bible there.
- I don't want to intimidate anyone with my big Thompson Chain Reference or my Dake's Bible
- My Bible is on my cell phone and I look up scriptures in between text messaging
- God revealed to me I have a religious spirit and the only way to break it was to leave my Bible at home
- I prefer to close my eyes and meditate listening to it being read
- I don't read it during the week. Why should I bring it on Sunday and be hypocritical
- In China they have very few Bibles and they have revival
- My pastor uses the newspaper, movie clips & contemporary events
- I forgot it
- I left it at a friend's house
- I left it in my car
- I prefer to read the pastors overhead
- I am an audio learner
- I am a kinesthetic learner
- I do my Bible reading at home
- I can't read the small print
- I prefer pocket computer Bible
- Show me a scripture that says I have to bring a Bible
- My pastor never quotes from the Bible
- I dropped it in the bathtub
- Dog ate it
- God understands
- I gave it to someone who didn't have one
- Pastor uses different translation than me
- It is too heavy to carry
- It is too old to bring to a public gathering
- Oh, you are supposed to bring your Bible to church?
- I don't respond to sarcasm and warped sense of humor
- I don't want to appear religious
- People receive ministry better from me if I don't have a Bible with me
- I am under grace. God will minister to me whether I bring my Bible or not
- You are presenting this from a traditional religious mindset – like the Pharisees and Sadducees. We need to present things differently and stop irritating the sheep – especially me

**Do you know  
where your  
Bible is?**



### **Interesting Stats**

- 62% of Protestants have read the Bible in the past week versus 28% of Catholics (29%) (2006)
- Bible reading during a typical week drops as age drops: 58% of Elders (Builders and Seniors); 47% of Boomers; 42% of Busters and 32% of Mosaics read the Bible in a typical week. (2006)
- The percent of adults in California, Oregon, and Washington that read the Bible during the past week (other than while at church), has risen from 29% in 1994 to 42% in 2006.
- 22% of evangelical Christians do not read the Bible at all. Another thirty percent read it only once or twice a week.

**The Barna Group**

### **WARNING!**

Reading this could lead to conviction, a change of habits, and cure being lukewarm

**Acts 17:11-12** These were more fair-minded (noble) than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. 12 Therefore many of them believed...

**2 Timothy 2:15 (AMP)** Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.

**Nehemiah 8:1-3** Now all the people gathered together as one man in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate; and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded Israel. 2 So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly of men and women and all who could hear with understanding on the first day of the seventh month. 3 Then he read from it in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate from morning until midday, before the men and women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

**Nehemiah 8:8** So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading.

**1 Timothy 4:13 (AMP)** Till I come, devote yourself to [public and private] reading, to exhortation (preaching and personal appeals), and to teaching and instilling doctrine.

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