



God's Computer Manual

It's even better than you think!

Folks would expect God's Computer Manual - the Bible, to mention hard drives, escape keys, wordprocessing etc. But true to it's nature, it teaches us much more - computing principles.

Oh sure, the Bible is described as a sweet thing, sweeter than honey in my mouth, in Psalms 119:103. The Bible defines its contents as originating with God providing rules, testing, discipline, and teaching - in 2 Timothy 3:16. But SO WHAT?! Well, that question is answered too! The very next verse says that the man of God may be perfect (complete) thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

Scripture says of itself, it will prepare you to do all things that are good – that includes smartphones and computers, right? Right!

The parable of the guy wanting to build a tower in

Luke 14:28 teaches us the powerful lesson of PREPARATION before we touch our keyboard. The next verse reminds us that others are watching us using our technology. Even in a secluded spot, God is watching how we use this mighty gift of technology He has given us. Heaven has no privacy switch.

The power of God's Word touches our minds and hearts sometimes before we read a single word. Try it. Keep a Bible open and next to your keyboard. Open to the tower parable mentioned earlier. Underline it or place a sticky note next to it. When you begin thinking of wasting time or going to places on the Internet you know you shouldn't. That Keyboard Bible will be a guardian to warn you to surf in God-honoring places, or turn the machine off, for the time being.

Have an alternative plan for those moments of temptation. For instance, switch to your on-screen Bible program and skip to PROVERBS. Begin reading down the verses and be amazed how many of them would be perfect TWEETS, to send to your friends.

The Bible also teaches us about the greatest of God's gifts – SALVATION. God provided a sacrifice: a 'payment in full' washing away the penalty for all our sins. This sacrifice was the blood sacrifice of His own Son: Jesus Christ.

To receive this salvation we must **First** simply confess to God we know we are a sinner and doomed to an eternal Hell that is real. **Second** we must acknowledge the sacrifice of Jesus Christ as our only way of eternal salvation. **Third**, with deep conviction we must invite Jesus Christ into our heart and life to become our Lord and Master. **Fourth**, we must feed (not just read) on scripture daily to grow strong and productive.

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