



A pilot trains diligently to learn to trust that the airplane's instruments give a more accurate perspective than personal feelings, collective experience, or immediate circumstances. The Christian trusts that God gives us a more accurate perspective on reality than we can give ourselves.

The pilot calls this trusting in an Accurate External Standard of Reference. The Christian calls this Faith.

Without instruments, the pilot would get disoriented and crash. The results are the same when we choose not to trust in the Bible. To live by faith we have to trust in the Bible as our A.E.S.R. The good news is, we can trust the Bible.

The Bible is absolutely trustworthy.

It was written over a 1600 year span, by more than 40 different authors, from all walks of life, in many different places and circumstances, on three different continents, in three different languages, in a variety of literary styles, covering hundreds of controversial topics, and yet communicates in perfect harmony one unified story: God's redemption of humanity.

The Bible is absolutely useful.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 read, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."



The Bible is absolutely accessible.

Read, pray, & obey. Take time every day to talk with God through the pages of his word. Read to know him, ask him questions, search for his answers, and obey his directions. Be real with God and let him be real with you...really.

Study with trusted friends. The history we read in the Bible happened a long time ago and on the other side of the world. It takes work to understand what it first said, what it really means, and how to apply it. We can help each other.

Commit the Bible to memory. A pilot can't just glance at some gauges on the ground then hope to fly by the seat of his pants. He needs those instruments with him. We also need the Bible with us...all the time.

Check it out...

Memorized reading is one of the most fulfilling ways to engage God's Word. Put a word in front of the eye and the mind only has to recognize and repeat it. But, arrange a series of symbols that represent words and the mind readily stores the words in order.

Psalms 119:11 (ESV)
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