

John 21:22-23

Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me." Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you?"

I thought I heard you say _____?
Didn't I read that _____?
The bible says _____?

Sometimes we have selected hearing about what we thought someone said or what we thought we read. We even misquote the bible sometimes because we are so used to hearing things that aren't true.

One good example is in regards to Christmas were we think that there were three wise men that were there at Jesus' birth. But when you check out the bible, you will not find either one of these to be ture in the bible. Sure there were wise men, but the bible doesn't say how many, and if you check the bible the wise men didn't show up until about two years later (look in Matthew chapter 2).

Remember when Jesus was tempted by Satan and how He quoted scripture to overcome the temptation? The only way Jesus could do this was to read and study the scriptures. If not, Jesus could have just taken what He heard like, "God helps those who help themselves", but this isn't true and it's not in the bible, so Jesus would have failed by not truly quoting God's word.

That's why it's so important to study the bible, because you can't quote scripture unless you read it for yourself.

Don't try to quote what you've heard, but rather quote what you've read in the Bible, even if you have to read it straight from the bible instead of from memory.

† **Psalm 119:11** *Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!*

† **2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)** **Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**