

SAYINGS OF THE FATHERS

ON READING THE SCRIPTURES

In order to fulfill the commandments of Christ, you must know them! Read the Holy Gospel, penetrate its spirit and make it the rule of your life. St Nikon of Optina

A humble and spiritually active man, when he reads the Holy Scriptures, will refer everything to himself and not to another. Saint Mark the Ascetic

When you read the Gospels, Christ speaks to you; when you pray, you are speaking to Him... The Bible should be read not just for analysis, but as an immediate dialogue with the living Word Himself - to feed our love for Christ, to kindle our hearts with prayer and to provide us with guidance in our personal life. St. Tikhon of Zadonsk

The Holy Scriptures were not given to us that we should enclose them in books, but that we should engrave them upon our hearts. Saint John Chrysostom

Anyone who wants to be always united to God must pray often and read the Bible often. For in prayer it is we who are speaking to God, but in the readings it is God speaking to us. St Isidore of Seville

Nourish your soul with Bible reading. It will prepare a spiritual feast for you. St Augustine