



## Text #1 :: "Ding" {Andy Stanley}

### INTRODUCTION

At the dinner table. During a church service. In the middle of a business meeting. It doesn't matter where you are or what you're doing, we cannot ignore a text message. So you'll discretely try to pull out your phone and read it. Why? Because they are personal. They are relevant. They convey immediate information. They are from someone you know.

We receive text messages on a daily basis. But are we reading the texts sent from God?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe the different ways you try to read your text messages in the company of others.
2. Why do we give so much attention to the text messages that we receive yet pay so little attention to what God has texted us?
3. When have you ever heard something said about the Bible or God without ever checking it out for yourself in Scripture?
4. Read Psalm 119:97-105. The author of this psalm spends a lot of time listening to God and reading His texts. How does meditating on God's word affect our worldview?
5. As you think back on your life, what situations would have developed differently if you had paid more attention to God's texts?
6. Do you notice any patterns that develop in your life when you ignore God's Word? If so, what are they?

### THINK ABOUT IT

If we had given half the attention to God's Word that we normally give to our everyday text messages, it might have made a huge difference in the way we view most things in life. We may have avoided our greatest regrets if we had allowed the truths of the Bible to guide our lives. Because reading and meditating on God's Word informs our conscience and shapes our values. God has texted us. Are we going to read it?

### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

This week, using the attached bookmark, spend a couple minutes each morning to read a passage from the Bible.

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.*

Psalm 119:105

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enemies. You anoint  
my head with oil. My  
cup runs over. Surely  
goodness and loving  
kindness shall follow  
me all the days of my  
life, and I will dwell  
in Yahweh's house

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is my shep  
I shall not  
be in want.  
He makes me  
lie down in  
green pastur  
he leads me  
beside quiet  
waters,  
he restores  
my soul.  
He guides me  
in paths of  
righteousnes  
for his name  
sake.  
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I walk  
through the  
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no evil,  
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with me;  
your rod and  
your staff,  
they comfort  
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my light  
and my  
salvation.  
Whom shall  
I fear?  
Yahweh is  
the strength  
of my life.  
Of whom  
shall I  
be afraid?

Search me,  
God, and  
know my  
heart.  
Try me,  
and know  
my thoughts.  
See if  
there is  
any wicked

To you,  
O LORD,  
I lift up  
my soul;  
in you I  
trust,  
O my God.  
Do not let  
me be put  
to shame,  
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## Reading Schedule

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help me see as you see.

Empower me to do  
as you say.

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Monday:  
Psalm 1

Search me,  
God, and  
know my  
heart.  
Try me,  
and know  
my thoughts.

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Tuesday:  
Psalm 119:9-16

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Wednesday:  
Psalm 119:33-37

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Thursday:  
Psalm 119:97-104

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Friday:  
Proverbs 2:1-6

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O LORD,  
teach me

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the LORD;  
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instructs  
sinners in  
his ways.  
He guides the  
humble in what  
is right and  
teaches them  
his way.

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