

## Time To Get Deep

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Have you ever known someone (or maybe you yourself) who always waits to fill their gas tank after it is empty? When our tank shows us the empty signal, there is usually still gas in the vehicle. The signal is a warning to avoid us being stranded. Some continue to push the vehicle even after the empty signal has been on for awhile. We use the term "riding on fumes" for this situation.

Doing this once in a while can be ok but making "riding on fumes" a constant habit can eventually destroy the vehicle.

*'If you run the car low on fuel consistently, you can wear out the fuel pump prematurely, over-stressing it and making it hotter. The caveat here is that it's more likely to happen if you do this over a longer period of time.'*

*(Source: <https://www.bellperformance.com/blog/bid/117627/Is-Running-Your-Car-Low-On-Gas-Bad-for-Your-Fuel-System>)*

Just as this happens in the natural it also happens in the spiritual. Holy Spirit gives us signs that we are about to run out of gas. If we don't pay attention, we can find ourselves being run down and unable to fill up until someone else comes along.

It is time to not just go deeper into the Lord, but to get deep in the Lord. What I mean is it is time to get a deeper tank and fill it on a regular basis. The only way to do that is to truly eat, chew, digest, and be filled with the written word. Once we begin to consume the written word of God, we can be filled with the Word made flesh (Jesus Christ).

Most of our Bibles have notes that go with the verses. There are the commentaries on the bottom of each page but there are also notes in the center of each page with most study Bibles. I would like to go through a segment to show how it works for those that have never used the notes.

Please, first read Psalm 34 in its entirety.

Now, let us focus on verse 14 to do a quick Bible verse study.

The verse says:

**Psalm 34:14 - Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it.**

There is an italic lower-case letter "L" before 'Depart from evil and do good'. In the center of the page there are numbers which correspond to the verses that have notes. Beside the bold 14, there is the note for the italic lower-case "L" which gives other verses. The other verses to look at that correspond with **Psalm 34:14a** are **Psalm 37:27** and **Isaiah 1:16-17**.

**Psalm 37:27 - Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell forevermore.**

**Isaiah 1:16-17 - "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, 17 Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the fatherless, Plead for the widow.**

For **Psalm 34:14b** there is an italic "m" which shows that 'Seek peace and pursue it' corresponds with **Romans 14:19** and **Hebrews 12:14**.

**Romans 14:19 - Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify (*build up*) another.**

**Hebrews 12:14 - Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord...**

If you already knew about these extra notes, then this is a reminder just as Holy Spirit reminded me. Revelations of Who the Lord is come from the written word and Holy Spirit. If you have never used these extra notes, now you know how to use them. They are a guide to have the Word written on and in your heart.

**2 Corinthians 3:3 - clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.**

Receive the deeper tank of the Lord and fill it regularly. Remember, a full tank can't receive any more than it already has so be sure to do some traveling and visit others to share what you have been filled with (by the leading of Holy Spirit).

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