

How to Care For and Preserve Your Bible

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A Bible is more than a book. It carries years of notes in the margins, underlined verses from hard seasons, and memories of the hands it has passed through. Whether yours is brand new or has been in your family for decades, a little care goes a long way toward keeping it usable for years to come.

This guide covers the simple habits that protect your Bible, plus how to tell when it is time for a proper restoration.

1. Handling & Everyday Use

- Always turn pages from the top corner, not the middle of the page. This is where tearing usually starts.
- Support the spine when the Bible is fully open; avoid pressing it flat, especially when new.
- Keep hands clean and dry before handling, particularly with leather or bonded-leather covers.
- If you use tabs, highlighters, or sticky notes, choose ones made for thin Bible paper because regular highlighters often bleed through.

2. Storage

- Store upright on a shelf, supported on both sides so the cover doesn't warp.
- Avoid stacking heavy books on top of it. This is one of the most common causes of spine damage.
- Keep it away from direct sunlight and windows. Kampala's strong daytime sun can fade covers and dry out leather quickly.
- In humid seasons, avoid sealed plastic bags or boxes. Trapped moisture encourages mold on pages and covers.

3. Cleaning

- Dust covers gently with a soft, dry cloth. Avoid water or cleaning sprays on leather or bonded leather.
- For leather covers, a small amount of leather conditioner (applied sparingly, tested on a hidden spot first) can prevent cracking over time.
- Never use erasers aggressively on thin Bible paper because it tears easily. Gentle, light strokes only.

4. Signs It's Time for Professional Restoration

Bring your Bible in if you notice:

- Loose or detached pages
- A cracked, splitting, or fully separated spine
- Water stains, mold, or a musty smell
- A cover coming away from the binding
- Worn corners exposing the inner binding

Catching these early often means a simpler, more affordable repair. Waiting usually makes the damage worse.

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