

The Hand Illustration

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I. Introduction.

- A. There are five ways to make the Bible a meaningful part of your life.
- B. Making the Bible meaningful is necessary for the believer.

II. Hearing. (Romans 10:17, James 1:22, Mark 1:18)

- A. This should end in application.
- B. One should ask God to speak through the Word.

III. Reading. (I Timothy 4:13, Deuteronomy 17:19, Isaiah 34:16)

- A. One should read for understanding.
- B. Faith comes from the Word of God. (Romans 10:17)
- C. Reading the Word makes a person clean. (John 15:3)

IV. Study. The treasures of God's Word only come through study. (Acts 17:11)

V. Memorize.

- A. This can be one of the greatest ways of getting God's Word in one's life. (Psalm 119:111)
- B. There is correlation between the sin in a person's life and how much Scripture he has memorized. (Matthew 22:29, Psalm 19:11, Proverbs 7:1-3)

VI. Meditation. A person gets this way through the Word into his or her life. (I Timothy 4:15, Joshua 1:8)

VII. Conclusion. These methods are primarily for your own life as the sword of the Spirit. (Ephesians 6)

Application questions:

1. Which way of getting into God's Word would you like to grow in the most?

2. How can one go about getting into Scripture memory for the first time?

3. What does meditation over Scripture look like? Explain.
