

The Word Of God

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INTRODUCTION - John 8:31, Romans 8:29, II Corinthians 3:18, Ephesians 4:13

A. THE BIBLE IS A BOOK INSPIRED BY GOD - II Timothy 3:16-17

Teaching, that's to show us the right path

Reproof, that's to show us when we are off the right path

Correction, that's to show us how to get back on the right path

Training in righteousness, that's to show us how to stay on the right path.

B. THE BIBLE IS A SPIRITUAL BOOK - I Corinthians 2:14, I Corinthians 2:13 I Peter 1:23

C. GOD WANTS TO SPEAK TO YOU FROM THE BIBLE

1. The Bible is the Sword of the Holy Spirit - His weapon Ephesians 6:17 Hebrews 4:12

D. HOW WILL HE SPEAK TO YOU?

1. He will make one verse or thought stand out to you. It will be very applicable to you.

2. Your thoughts will drift off to something that has been on your mind.

3. It's a question I have for Him – that He answers.

When He speaks: If you are sure, act now. If you are not sure....

a. Write it down.

b. Pray over it and wait.

c. Let the Lord confirm it to your heart. If God continues to impress you with it, get counsel.

d. Act in faith believing He wants you to do it.

E. THE BIBLE IS SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR OUR SOULS - 1 Peter 2:2 Jeremiah 15:16

F. SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE - Deuteronomy 8:17 Galatians 5:22, 23

The discipline of the Christian life is the fruit of submission to the Holy Spirit of God.

I. THE DISCIPLINE OF HEARING GOD'S WORD - Revelations 1:3

Taking Notes

1. Increases your attention because as you write it down you are thinking about it.
2. Increases your retention – how much you remember.

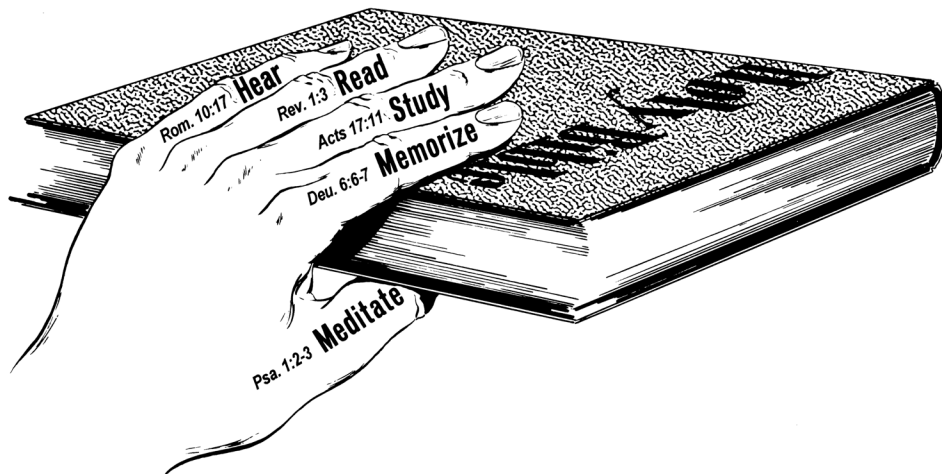
II. THE DISCIPLINE OF READING GOD'S WORD - Deuteronomy 17:18-20, Jeremiah 15:16

Read the whole Bible through on some definite schedule.

Each day ask Him to speak to you. Psalm 25:4, 5

Write down what He says to you each day and pray it back to Him.

Bible reading is like building muscles. Consistency is better than speed.



III. THE DISCIPLINE OF STUDYING GOD'S WORD - II Timothy 2:15

Bible Study involves studying thoughts, language, words, sentences, modifiers and making a written reproduction of the study and the conclusions that you reach that will form the basis of what you believe that the Bible teaches.

- A. Study formal equivalent translations such as KJV, NKJV, RSV, NASB, NASU, ESV and the Greek Interlinear.

1. Use These Principles

OBSERVATION - What does it say

INTERPRETATION - What does it mean

CORRELATION - What do other scriptures say

APPLICATION - How does God want me to apply it to my life.

2. Pray for illumination Psalm 119:18 Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

IV. THE DISCIPLINE OF MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD - Proverbs 7:1-3

The most effective way to get the Word of God into our minds is to memorize it and review it for life.

A. Memorizing Scripture word perfectly with the references helps you know exactly what the Lord says without any doubt. That gives you assurance that what you believe is correct and that brings forth what is known as conviction.

B. Memorizing Scripture puts God's authority in your life so that you can help others with that authority. You can speak the Word of God with clarity and with the assurance that this is what God says.

1. Print your own verse on a card and learn it by repeating phrases in the verse until you can quote it word perfectly saying the reference before and after the verse.
2. Review that verse out loud every day for two months using only the reference to prompt yourself.
3. After doing each verse card for 8 weeks, put the verse card into a card file system, called a "Back Review" so you review all that you learn once a week.
4. Review them for the rest of your life

V. THE DISCIPLINE OF MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD - Joshua 1:8

1. Put Yourself On The Scene with Questions (Who? What? Where? When? How? Why?)
2. Emphasize a Specific Word in a memory verse
3. Meditate During Sleep

Joshua 1:8 promises success for obedience. "be careful to do all that is commanded in it." For then you shall make your way prosperous and then you shall have good success."

Meditation without application results in frustration and fleeing from God’s Word because we are resisting what God is convicting us about.

VI. THE DISCIPLINE OF APPLYING GOD’S WORD

The purpose of all of these methods of intake of God’s Word is Application – that is to change us and to conform us to the image of Christ, God’s Son

- 1. What impresses me most from this part of the Bible?
- 2. Where do I fall short of what it is talking about?
- 3. What by the grace of God can I do this week to move in that direction?

Then pray and ask the Lord for an idea that is Personal, Practical, Possible.

- a. Make It Personal - That is it deals with you not someone else.
- b. Make it Practical - That is something practical that you can do.
- c. Make it Possible - That means you can actually accomplish it.

Application:

What has the Lord impressed you with tonight? Ask Him what He is saying.
