

God's Word Transform Your Life

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I. The Disciple And The Word

A. Being Jesus True Disciple John 8:31

1. Being Conformed To His Image - Romans 8:29
2. Being Transformed Into His Image - 2 Corinthians 3:18
3. Being A measure of Christ's stature - Ephesians 4:13

II. His Word For Us Is Revealed In The Bible

A. The Bible Is A Book Inspired By God 2 Tim. 3:16-17

1. Teaching - that's to show us the right path.
2. For reproof - that's to show us when we are off the right path.
3. For correction - that's to show us how to get back on the right path
4. 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

C. God Wants To Speak To Us From The Bible.

1. The Bible is the Sword of the Holy Spirit - Ephesians 6:17, John 16:8, Hebrews 4:12
2. How will he speak?
 - a. He will make one verse or thought stand out to you.
 - b. Your thoughts will drift off to something that has been on your mind.
 - c. Sometimes it is like a question I have been praying about and it is lying dormant and suddenly there it is.

(1) Write it down.

(2) Pray over it.

(3) Let the Lord confirm it to your heart and mind.

(4) Act in faith.

D. The Bible Is Spiritual Food For Our Souls - I Peter 2:2

E. Spiritual Discipline - Deuteronomy 8:17, Galatians 5:22,23

III. The Discipline Of Hearing The Word - Romans 10:17, Revelation 1:3

A. Sources Of Hearing The Word.

1. Church Preaching and Teaching.
2. Christian Broadcasting.
3. Recorded Messages (On Tape, CD's, MP3's, www.discipleshiplibrary.com).
4. Conferences.

B. 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.

C. Pray For Application.

IV. The Discipline Of Reading The Word Deuteronomy 17:18-20

A. God's Plan For The King Of Israel.

1. To Fear God - Be in Awe of Him.
2. To Keep God's law and statutes.
3. To admit to himself that he wasn't better than others.

Sometimes God wants to shock us into action - Jeremiah 15:16

Consistency Is Better Than Speed.

V. The Discipline Of Studying The Word 2 Timothy 2:15

A. Pray For Illumination - Psalm 119:18

B. Study A Formal Equivalent Translation KJV, NKJV, RSV, NASB, NASU, ESV and the Greek Interlinear.

C. Use The Navigator Chapter Analysis Format

- 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?

VI. The Discipline Of Memorizing God's Word Proverbs 7:1-3

A. Successful Scripture Memory Simplified.

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

B. Think About What Scripture You Want In Your Life, And Start Working On It.

VII. The Discipline Of Meditation On The Word - Joshua 1:8

(Hebrew word for meditate *hagah*; which means to *murmur*.)

A. Practical Ways To Meditate.

1. Put Yourself On The Scene.
2. Emphasize a Specific Word in a memory verse.
3. Meditate During Sleep.

VIII. The Discipline Of Application Of God's Word.

A. How To Make A Personal Application.

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?
 - a. Make it Personal.
 - b. Make it practical.
 - c. Make it possible.