

GOD'S WORD IN THE LIFE OF A DISCIPLE

INTRODUCTION: John 8:31, Romans 8:29, 2 Cor. 3:18, Eph. 4:13

A. THE BIBLE IS A BOOK INSPIRED BY GOD 2 Tim. 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.

Equips us for every good work. **1 Cor. 15:3,4**

B. THE BIBLE IS A SPIRITUAL BOOK 1 Cor. 2:14, 1 Pet.1:23, Pr. 30:5

C. THE BIBLE IS SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR OUR SOULS 1 PET. 2:2

D. GOD WANTS TO SPEAK TO YOU US FROM THE BIBLE

The Bible is the Sword of the Holy Spirit – His weapon Eph. 6:17

1. It's a question I have for Him – that He answers.
2. Your thoughts will drift off to something that has been on your mind.
3. 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 needed get counsel.
 - d. Act in faith believing He wants you to do it.

E. SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE Gal.5:22,23

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

2. Eat The Word from His hand. **Ez. 2:8,9**

I. THE DISCIPLINE OF HEARING GOD'S WORD Romans 10:17

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

A. THE KING OF ISRAEL Deut. 17:18-20,

B. THE MORNING QUIET TIME

1. Sometimes God has to shock us. **Jeremiah 15:16**
2. Reading The Whole Bible
3. Journal – Write down what He says to you and pray it back to Him.
4. Read the whole Bible through on your schedule.
5. Build your Bible Reading Muscles

Bible reading is like building muscles.

CONSISTENCY IS BETTER THAN SPEED

III. THE DISCIPLINE OF STUDYING GOD'S WORD 2 Tim. 2:15

A. WHAT IS BIBLE STUDY? 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. LOA, SCL, DFD, CHAPTER ANALYSIS

B. PREPARATION

1. A Cleansed Life 1 John 1:9
2. Pray for illumination Psalm 119:18
3. Depend on the Holy Spirit John 14:26

C. STUDY FORMAL EQUIVALENT TRANSLATIONS

Such as KJV, NKJV, RSV, NASB, NASU, ESV and the Greek Interlinear.

IV. THE DISCIPLINE OF MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD Prov. 7:1-3 John 15:20

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

A. SCRIPTURE MEMORY FAILURE TECHNIQUE

B. SUCCESSFUL LIFETIME SCRIPTURE MEMORY

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. Put a start date and stop date on the card
3. After doing each verse card for 2 months, put the verse card into a card file system called a "Back Review" so you review all that you learn once a week.
4. Divide all that you know by the number of days in your Back Review and put that many in each day's Back Review pack.
5. Review, Review, Review them daily for the rest of your life

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

A. WHAT IS MEDITATION? CHEWING, ANALYZING, ACTION

B. HOW DO WE MEDITATE?

1. Put Yourself On The Scene with Questions (Who? What? Where? When? How? Why? Ask: What would I Hear, Smell, Taste, Feel?)
2. Emphasize a Specific Word in a memory verse
3. Meditate During Sleep

MEDITATION IS NOT THE END IN ITSELF. APPLICATION IS THE OBJECTIVE

Joshua 1:8 Promises success for obedience. **"that you may 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."**

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.
- d. Do it Now!

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