

Genuine - Purposeful Study  
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## I. Devotion

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. *(Mark 12:30)*

How does our interest in the Bible relate to our passion for God?

## III. Authority of Scripture

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. *(2 Tim 3:16-17)*

## III. Benefit of Scripture

A. It's essential for life and growth

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. *(1 Peter 2:2-3)*

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. *(Matt 4:4)*

God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. *(Acts 17:27)*

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. *(Ps 119:11)*

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. *(Psalm 119:105)*

## C. Preparation

If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed. *(1 Tim 4:6)*

D. Help others

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 1 Peter 3:15

#### **IV. Studying the Bible**

##### **A. Praying**

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law . . . My soul is weary with sorrow; strengthen me according to your word . . . Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. (*Ps 119:18-36*)

##### **B. Reading**

In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. (*Eph 3:4-5*)

##### **C. Meditating**

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. (*Josh 1:8*)

“Meditation is an holy exercise of the mind, whereby we bring the truths of God to remembrance, and do seriously ponder upon them, and apply them to ourselves.” (Thomas Watson)

##### **D. Going for the heart (and mind)**

Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith. (*1 Tim 6:20-21*)

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. (*John 17:3*)

#### **V. Seek help from the team**

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (*John 14:26*)

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked. “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. (*Acts 8:30-31*)

#### **VI. It all points to Jesus**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. . . The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (*John 1: 1-14*)

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me. ([John 5:39](#))