

The foundation of God's Word

What are the foundational aspects of this that would be important for a new or younger believer to both know and believe?

1. Describe your struggles related to the Word.
2. How would/could you help a newer believer deal with these struggles?
3. What would you have benefited by knowing, as a newer believer, in regard to the Word?
4. Is the ability to learn by reading/studying the Word something needful in all disciples? If so, describe what that might look like?
5. What could motivate a believer to read the Word? What motivated you? Is it possible to help a person be motivated? Should they just read it regardless of any desire to read and expect a desire to come along? Should prayer requesting God to give us a desire to be in the Word be a part of our pursuit?
 - a. Is there something that hinders a person from wanting to read the Bible?

6. Does the person realize that the Bible is God's Word and has authority over our lives including our thinking, attitudes and actions? What struggles might they have in accepting such authority over their lives?

7. Does a recognition of spiritual warfare, strength of the flesh against anything spiritual, busyness, etc., prove helpful to knowing what we are up against?

8. Resources:
 - a. Seven Reasons You Can Trust the Bible, Erwin Lutzer
 - b. From God to Us: How We Got our Bible, Geisler & Nix
 - c. The Wonder of the Word, Tony Evans
 - d. Living By The Book, Howard Hendricks
 - e. Grasping God's Word by Duvall and Hays