

APPLYING GOD'S WORD INTO ALL MY LIFE

*What I want most of all and at all times is to honor your laws.*

Psalm 119:20 (CEV)

❖ How to Integrate God's Word into My Life:

1. I must DECIDE to make the Bible the FOUNDATION for my LIFE.

*"Everyone who hears these words of mine, and puts them into practice, is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."*

Matthew 7:24 (NIV)

- I can choose to build my life on the foundation of popular culture.

*"Don't follow the crowd in doing wrong."*

Exodus 23:2a (NIV)

- I can choose to build my life on the foundation of traditions.

*"You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men."*

Mark 7:8 (NIV)

- I can choose to build my life on the foundation of personal reason.

*There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.*

Proverbs 16:25 (NIV)

- I can choose to build my life on the foundation of my emotions.

*In those days Israel had no king, so the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.*

Judges 21:25 (NLT)

2. I must DETERMINE to FEED ON the Bible daily for my STRENGTH.

*Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.*

Colossians 3:16 (NIV)

- I feed on it by hearing it with my ears.

*Faith comes by hearing... the Word of God.*

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

- I feed on it by reading it with my eyes.

- I feed on it by studying it with my hands and my mouth.

- I feed on it by meditating on it with my mind and heart.

*Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly...<sup>2</sup>But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.*

Psalm 1:1-2 (NKJV)

3. I must choose the DISCIPLINE of making God's Word my STANDARD for living.  
*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*  
Psalm 119:11 (NIV)
- Key Truth: You can't remember and utilize what you don't know.  
*Jesus answered, "It is written, Man does not live on bread alone."*  
Luke 4:4 (NIV)
4. I must DEVOTE myself to being OPEN to the truth in God's Word.  
*Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.*  
Psalm 119:18 (NIV)
- Parable of the sower, four kinds of soils, receptivity (Luke 8).
  - First there is the hardened soil.  
*"A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up."*  
Luke 8:5 (NIV)
  - Then there is the shallow soil.  
*"Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture."*  
Luke 8:6 (NIV)
  - There is the soil covered with weeds.  
*"Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants."*  
Luke 8:7 (NIV)
  - Finally, there is the good soil, fertilized, and fruitful.  
*"Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown."*  
Luke 8:8 (NIV)
5. I must commit to DO what God's Word SAYS to do.  
*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.*  
James 1:22 (NIV)
- Key Truth: Our actions speak more than just our words.  
*Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.*  
James 4:17 (NLT)
6. I must DISCOVER the freedom that comes from TRUSTING in God's Word.  
*Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.*  
Psalm 119:105 (NIV)
- Key Truth: When you live in a dark world you need a light to guide you.

*"The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."*

Matthew 4:16 (NIV)

7. I must DEDICATE and DISCIPLINE myself to follow God's Word no matter what.

*I rise before dawn and cry for help; I have put my hope in your word.*

Psalms 119:147 (NIV)