

## **The Faith Fundamentals**

Lesson #2 Knowing The Bible | Pastor Winston Parrish

Memory Verse:

2 Timothy 2:15

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

The “how” of learning and applying Scripture to our lives is something that is at the core of our faith. There are many deep and wonderful methods in the study and application of Scripture, but today we will explore the 5 core methods of study. This is your “hand” that allows you to firmly hold your Bible with great confidence.

### **A. “Our grip, consisting of 5 fingers”**

#### **1. Hearing The Bible**

Romans 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

#### **2. Reading The Bible**

Revelation 1:3

Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

#### **3. Studying The Bible**

Acts 17:11

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

#### **4. Memorizing The Bible**

Psalm 119:9-11

9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

#### **5. Meditating on The Bible**

Psalm 1:2-3

2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

#### **B. Why Should I know The Bible? List 5 reasons from these verses:**

1. 2 Timothy 2:15 Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

2. 1 Peter 2:2 Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Psalm 119:11 Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Psalm 119:38 Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Psalm 119:105 Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Valuable Viewpoint:**

“We Study Scripture because it is sufficient! Enough in this case, is everything!” Winston Parrish

## **C. Review of the 5 Finger Grip**

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## **D. The Bible Study Process**

### **Step 1. Preparation**

1 Peter 2:1-2—

Colossians 1:9-10—

Spend A short time in prayer before you study the Word of God. Pray the prayer of Psalm 119:18—“Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.”

### **Step 2. Observation**

What is taking place in the passage? What do I see?

-Key words

-Key Subjects (people and topics)

-Commands (particularly verbs)

-Warnings

-Repetition of words or phrases

-Comparisons

-Questions (is there an answer given)

Take your time, don't give up too soon!

(Transfiguration of Jesus in Luke 9)

### **Step 3. Interpretation**

What does the passage mean?

Scripture can be clear, even for you. \_\_\_` has God given those in the faith to teach us?

1 John 2:27 your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Elements of Correct Interpretation

Interpretive

Particularity

Contextual

Definition

Gramatical

Scriptural (all Scripture is perfectly balanced)

All Scripture will agree. It will never contradict itself. Let the Bible speak for itself. Bible be the Bible!

#### **Valuable Viewpoint:**

“Every passage of Scripture was never meant to be dissected and reassembled for our convenience. The meaning, the interpretation and the boundary of interpretation have been set in Heaven by the Father. Rejoice in the context of the passage so that you don’t have to repent in your craftiness” Winston Parrish

### **Step 4. Application**

How does the passage effect my life?

A. Once I hear The Word, how should I respond? Find your answer in

James 1:22 Your answer: \_\_\_\_\_

B. A simple tool to help you apply:

Put on your “SPECS” and ask:

**S**  
**P**  
**E**  
**C**  
**S**

**Step 5. Repetition**

Bible study is a repetitive process. When studying a passage of Scripture, do steps 2,3,4 over and over.

Observe, Interpret, Apply

**E. Daily Class Reading:**

Start in The book of John, 2 chapters a day! Entire New Testament in 19 weeks.

Using our new tools!

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