

5 tips to study the Bible

“We cannot know God with out knowing the Bible”

Review

1. **Choose a translation you understand.**
2. **Choose a time, a place, and a plan to study.**
3. **Understand the context.**
4. **Read slowly and ask questions.**
5. **Pray for God to speak to you and apply what he shows you.**

**How do I remember the Bible , How can I understand the Bible
How can the Bible cause a breakthrough in my life**

#1 Dedication

Consistency in your devotion to the reading of the Word of God, receiving the Word of God daily

Joshua 1:8

- Not depart
- Meditate day and night
- Observing to do all
- Then....

Matthew 4:4 But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’”

- Look at the comparison of bread and the Word of God
- Daily bread: we must eat the word of God daily
 - Looking at daily devotions, Instagram reels, videos **will not do**
 - Must take in the Word of God daily
 - Dedicate time to study the Word of God daily, sold on it, consistently, faithfully

Consistency will create familiarity

- The more consistent you are with the word of God the more familiar you will be with the Bible.
- As you keep reading, you will begin to get familiar with passages, stories, places, characters of the Bible, and details.

Familiarity brings understanding

- For instance, when you read about the “Lamb of God” and “Passover” for the first time,
- But as you get familiar with the Bible, you will know and understand So when you read that John said Jesus is the “Lamb of God” you will understand and make that connection to the ...
- I don't understand the Bible, neither did I, but I kept reading and before I knew it, I knew and understood a little more....
- As you get familiar with the Bible you will begin to understand it

2 Context and interpretation

- We must be able to understand context (who, what, where, when, to who, why) so that we can rightfully interpret the Bible

2 Timothy 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

- When we understand context this allows us to rightfully divide, interpret, and apply the Bible
- The Bible is divided into different parts: the Pentateuch, the historic books, the poetic books, the Major and Minor prophets. Then we have the Gospels and the Book of Acts which are New Testament narratives, the epistles that are doctrine, and the Book of Revelation.
- If we look at the Bible and understand the context, we could begin to rightly understand /divide/interpret the Bible E.g. **Proverbs 24:15**
- When we have a proper interpretation we can know what the Bible teaches us and what it may be asking of us.

#3 meditation

Psalms 1:1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

- **Meditating** on the Word of God is keeping the Word of God in your mind, repetitive thinking
- Now when I used to hear meditation I used to think mystical, yoga pose going HUMMMMM, new age teaching, or astrology. That would be ungodly meditation
- But filling our mind with the word of God is Godly meditation
- The object of our meditation should be the truth, promises, blessings, open doors, grace, mercy, and love of God that we receive from God's word by the Holy Spirit E.g **Hebrews 4:14** Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. **15** For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. **16** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. Let us delight as we meditate in the Word of God. In the promises, who we are, what we are,....

#4 Revelation

This is the most important

- The Holy Spirit is the author **2 Peter 1:20** knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, **21** for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as *they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.
- **2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is given by **inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- The Holy Spirit is our guide to understanding the Bible, **John 14:25** "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. **26** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you

- I remember having some knowledge of the Bible from growing up in church and listening to sermons as I grew up and from Escuelita Dominical.
- But not really understanding, reading and not understanding, saying I don't get it. (Like I get it but I don't get it) E.g.
- The Holy Spirit wants to teach us, to reveal His word to us
- **We cannot understand biblical truth without the revelation of the Holy Spirit. Otherwise is just knowledge.**
- Remember the disciples 3 1/2 years with Jesus and didn't understand fully what Jesus had told them.
- But then in **Luke 24: 44** "Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures."
- A prayer we must all make "open my understanding God"
- We must ask the Holy Spirit of God to reveal to us the word of God
- He is the only one who can
- Because revelation brings transformation.
- How??? **it's like turning on the lights** and you see something that was always there
- The prodigal son
- It's anointed knowledge
- The Holy Spirit reveals it but we must be willing to humble ourselves before God not my will but your will. **Matthew 16:24-25**

#5 Application

This is the Hard part, but with God all things are possible.

We must be doers of the Word and not just hearers of the Word

Jesus said in **Matthew 7:24-27**

If we really want to experience God in our lives is through applying His Word to our lives

Being obedient to His Word

Matthew 13: 10-12 "And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him."

If we use (apply) the revelation of the word of God that we receive from the Holy Spirit, more will be revealed to us

But if we do not use the revelation of the word of God that we receive from the Holy Spirit, the understanding that we do have will be taken from us.