

GOD SPEAKS

The Discipline of Study

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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The purpose of the Spiritual Disciplines is the total transformation of the person.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2 NIV

You are transformed because of what you think about.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

Philippians 4:8 NIV

Study is a means of grace for changing our inner spirit.

Through study we discover truth and the truth sets us free.

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:32 NIV

Study is a specific kind of experience in which through careful attention to reality the mind is enabled to move in a certain direction.

FOUR STEPS TO STUDY

1. Repetition
2. Concentration
3. Comprehension

It is not just truth that sets us free it is the knowledge of the truth that sets us free.

4. Reflection

If you will reflect on the knowledge of God's word, it will transform your life.

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

John 17:1-3 NIV

HOW TO STUDY

1. We read to understand what the author is saying.
2. We read to interpret what the author means.
3. And we read to evaluate the book, is the author right or wrong?

We bring experience, the reading of other books and we bring live discussion.

Look as Peter is taught an amazing truth. Acts 9:32-10:48

Peter has now learned that Jesus came and died to give salvation to all people.

If you are walking with Jesus He will show you how to love your enemy not because you are supposed to but because Jesus is in you and Jesus loves everyone, including your enemy and His.