

- S \_\_\_\_\_ TO CONFESS?
- P \_\_\_\_\_ TO CLAIM?
- A \_\_\_\_\_ TO CHANGE?
- C \_\_\_\_\_ TO KEEP?
- E \_\_\_\_\_ TO FOLLOW?
- P \_\_\_\_\_ TO PRAY?
- E \_\_\_\_\_ TO AVOID?
- T \_\_\_\_\_ TO BELIEVE?
- S \_\_\_\_\_ TO THANK GOD FOR?



## VIEWSENTIAL HABITS "Flightpath to Spiritual Maturity"

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. (17) God uses it to prepare and equip His people to do every good work." *2Ti 3:16-17 NLT*

### I. Ways to Hear God's Word

"Faith comes from *hearing* the Word of God." Rom. 10:17

- The Bible on tape
- Church services & studies
- Podcasts/Sermon tapes
- Radio/TV teachers

**PROBLEM: WE FORGET 95 % OF WHAT WE HEAR AFTER 72 HOURS**

## VI. How to Apply God's Word

"Do not fool yourselves by just listening to the Word. Instead, put it into practice." James 1:22

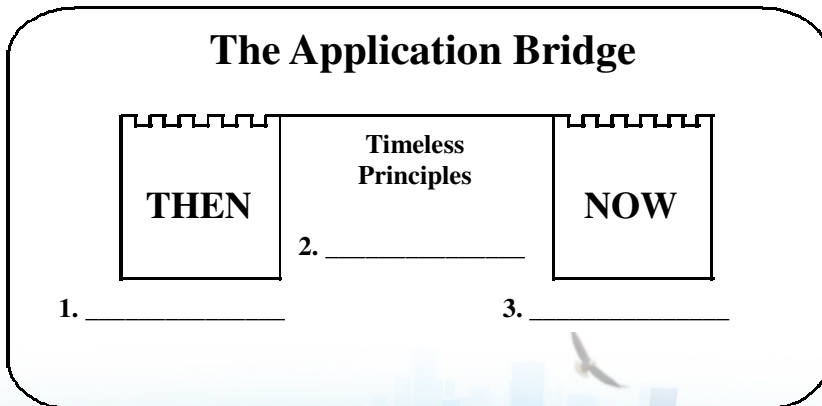
"... Whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:19

### How to Apply Scripture

**1st ask:** What did it mean to the original hearers? \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd ask:** What is the underlying timeless principle? \_\_\_\_\_

**3rd ask:** Where or how could I practice that principle? \_\_\_\_\_



### How to Improve Your Hearing

- **Be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to hear God.** (Jesus) "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" Luke 8:8  
"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" Psalm 119:103
- **Deal with \_\_\_\_\_ hearing God (Luke 8:4-15)**  
"Consider carefully how you listen ..." Luke 8:18
  - A \_\_\_\_\_ **Mind:** Is fear, pride or bitterness preventing me from hearing God?
  - A \_\_\_\_\_ **Mind:** Am I really serious about wanting to hear God speak?
  - A \_\_\_\_\_ **Mind:** Am I too busy and concerned with other things to concentrate on what God has to say?
- \_\_\_\_\_ **any sin in your life.** "... *Get rid of all moral filth and humbly accept the Word...*" James 1:21
- **Take \_\_\_\_\_ on what you hear.** "We must pay more *careful attention* to what we've heard, so that we do not drift away!" Heb. 2:1 **\*Keep a Spiritual Notebook\***
- \_\_\_\_\_ **on what you hear!** "Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. *Do what it says!*" James 1:22  
"Whoever ... does not simply listen and then forget, *but puts it into practice* that person will be blessed in what he does." James 1:25

## V. How to Meditate on God's Word

*"(Those) who are always **meditating** on His Laws ... are like trees along a river bank bearing fruit ... they never wither and whatever they do prospers."* Ps. 1:2-3 (LB)

Meditation is \_\_\_\_\_ about a Bible verse in order to discover how I can apply its truth to my own life.

### WHY MEDITATE ON SCRIPTURE?

1. It is the key to \_\_\_\_\_ like Christ.

*" ... Your life is shaped by your thoughts."* Pr. 4:23 (GN)

*" ... Be transformed by the **renewing** of your mind."* Rom. 12:2

*"As we ... **contemplate** the Lord's glory, we are being transformed into His likeness ..."* 1 Cor. 3:18

2. It is the key to \_\_\_\_\_ prayer.

*"If you live your life in Me, and my words live in your hearts, **you can ask for whatever you like**, and it will come true for you."* John 15:7 (Ph)

3. It is the key to \_\_\_\_\_ living.

*" ... Meditate on (the Word) day and night, so you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."* Joshua 1:8

### SIX WAYS TO MEDITATE ON A VERSE

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **it!** Visualize the scene in your mind.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **it!** Say the verse aloud, each time emphasizing a different word.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **it!** Rewrite the verse in your own words.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **it!** Replace the pronouns or people in the verse with your own name.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ **it!** Turn the verse into a prayer and say it back to God.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ **it!** Ask the following nine questions:

**Three Keys to Memorization:** \_\_\_\_\_

Psa 119:72

**SCRIPTURE MEMORY COURSE**

*The following verses suggest a "balance" in Scripture Memory. The verses selected are key verses in understanding the foundations of the Christian Life and Christian Growth. Do not feel tied-down to this suggested list. This is only a tool to lead you in an understanding of the importance of memorizing "key" verses.*

**Live the New Life:**

|                     |                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Christ the Center   | II Cor. 5:17; Gal. 2:20 |
| Obedience to Christ | Rom. 12:1; John 14:21   |
| The Word            | II Tim. 3:16; Josh. 1:8 |
| Prayer              | John 15:7; Phil. 4:6-7  |
| Fellowship          | Matt. 18:20; Heb. 10:24 |
| Witnessing          | Matt. 4:19; Rom. 1:16   |

**Rely on God's Resources:**

|                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| His Spirit             | I Cor. 3:16; I Cor. 2:12 |
| His Strength           | Isa. 41:10; Phil. 4:13   |
| His Faithfulness       | Lam. 3:22; Num. 23:19    |
| His Peace              | Isa. 26:3; I Peter 5:7   |
| His Provision          | Rom. 8:32; Phil 4:19     |
| His Help in Temptation | Heb. 2:18; Ps. 119:9, 11 |

**Proclaim Christ:**

|                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| All Have Sinned         | Rom. 3:23; Isa. 53:6   |
| Sin's Penalty           | Rom. 6:23; Heb. 9:27   |
| Christ Paid the Penalty | Rom. 5:8; I Peter 3:18 |
| Salvation Not by Works  | Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5  |
| Must Receive Christ     | John 1:12; Rev. 3:20   |
| Assurance of Salvation  | I John 5:13; John 5:24 |

**Be Christ's Disciple:**

|                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Put Christ First        | Matt. 6:33; Luke 9:23      |
| Separate from the World | I Jn. 2:15-16; Rom. 12:2   |
| Be Steadfast            | I Cor. 15:58; Heb. 12:3    |
| Serve Others            | Mark 10:45; II Cor. 4:5    |
| Give Generously         | Prv. 3:9-10; II Cor. 9:6-7 |
| Develop World Vision    | Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:19-20   |

**Grow in Christ likeness::**

|            |                            |
|------------|----------------------------|
| Love       | John 13:34-35; I Jn. 3:18  |
| Humility   | Phil. 2:3-4; I Peter 5:5-6 |
| Purity     | Eph. 5:3; I Peter 2:11     |
| Honesty    | Lev. 19:11; Acts 24:16     |
| Faith      | Heb. 11:6; Rom. 4:20-21    |
| Good Works | Gal. 6:9-10; Matt. 5:16    |

**II. How to Read God's Word**

*"Happy is the one who reads this book ... and obeys what is written in it!"*  
Rev. 1:3 (GN)

- How often should I read God's Word? \_\_\_\_\_

*"(The Scriptures) shall be his constant companion. He must read from it every day of his life so that he will learn to respect the Lord his God by obeying all of his commands."* Deut. 17:19 (LB)

**SUGGESTIONS**

Read it systematically.

Bible without notes.

Read it in different translations.

*For reading: New Living Translation, Living Bible, Phillips, NKJV*

Read it aloud quietly to yourself.

Underline or color code key verses.

Choose a reading plan and stick with it.

**If I read approximately 15 minutes a day, I can read through the Bible once a year.**

**A BIBLE READING PLAN THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 30 DAYS**

- € Matthew 1-9
- € Matthew 10-15
- € Matthew 16-22
- € Matthew 23-28
- € Mark 1-8
- € Mark 9-16
- € Luke 1-6
- € Luke 7-11
- € Luke 12-18
- € Luke 19-24
- € John 1-7
- € John 8-13
- € John 14-22
- € Acts 1-7
- € Acts 8-14

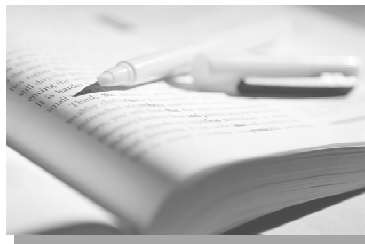
- € Acts 15-21
- € Acts 22-28
- € Romans 1-8
- € Romans 9-16
- € 1 Corinthians 1-9
- € 1 Corinthians 10-16
- € 2 Corinthians 1-13
- € Galatians - Ephesians
- € Philippians - 2 Thessalonians
- € 1 Timothy - Philemon
- € Hebrews
- € James - 2 Peter
- € 1 John - 3 John
- € Revelation 1-11
- € Revelation 12-22

### III. How to Study God's Word

"... they accepted the message eagerly and **studied the Scriptures** everyday ..."

Acts 17:11 (Ph)

"Be a good workman ... **Know what His Word** says and means." 2 Tim. 2:15



- The difference between reading and studying the Bible is that you \_\_\_\_\_ when you study.
- The secret of effective Bible study is knowing how to \_\_\_\_\_.

#### SUGGESTED RESOURCES FOR BIBLE STUDY

**"Dynamic Bible Study Methods" By Rick Warren (Victor Books)**  
12 different methods are explained in simple step-by-step instructions.

#### Study Bibles:

- Personal Study Bible: **"The Life Application Bible" (Tyndale)**
- Topical Study Bible: **"Thompson Chain Reference Bible - NIV (Kirkbride)**
- Background Study Bible: **"The NIV Study Bible" (Zondervan)**
- Doctrine Study Bible: **"The Disciples Study Bible" (Holman)**

#### Bible Handbooks:

- "Richard's Complete Handbook" (Word)
- "Haley's Bible Handbook" (Zondervan)
- "Eerdman's Bible Handbook" (Eerdmans)

#### Other Important Study Tools:

- Parallel Bibles
- A complete concordance to match your translation
- A Bible on computer program such as "Quick Verse", "WordSearch" or "PCBible" "<http://www.e-sword.net>"
- "The New Bible Dictionary" (Eerdmans)
- "The Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible" (Baker)
- "The New Bible Commentary" (Eerdmans)

### IV. Memorization

"Guard my words as your most precious possession. Write them down, and also keep them deep within your heart." Pr. 7:2-3 (LB)

#### BENEFITS OF MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE

1. It helps me **RESIST TEMPTATION**. *"I have hidden your Word in my heart that I might not sin against you." Ps. 119:11*
2. It helps me make **WISE DECISIONS**. *"Your Word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path. Ps. 119:105*
3. It \_\_\_\_\_ **when I'm under stress**. *"... Your promises to me are my hope. They give me strength in all my troubles; how they refresh and revive me!" Ps. 119:49 (LB)*
4. It \_\_\_\_\_ **when I'm sad**. *"Your words are what sustain me ... They bring joy to my sorrowing heart and delight me." Jer. 15:16 (LB)*
5. It \_\_\_\_\_ **to unbelievers**. *"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." 1 Peter 3:15*

#### BEST TIMES TO MEMORIZE A VERSE

During your Quiet Time  
While Exercising  
While waiting (spare moments)  
At bedtime (Ps 63:6)

#### HOW TO MEMORIZE A VERSE

1. Pick a verse that speaks to you.
2. Say the reference **before and after** the verse.
3. Read the verse aloud many times. Record it!

4. Break the verse into natural phrases.
5. Emphasize key words when quoting the verse.
6. Write down the verse and erase a word one at a time.
7. Write out the verse on a flash card.
8. Carry some cards with you at all times for review.
9. Display your verses in prominent places.
10. Always memorize the verse word perfect.
11. Put the verse to music. Write a song!
12. Get a partner so you can check each other. \* **Suggested 2 verses per week**