

DISCIPLESHIP COURSE

PART II: DAILY WORD STUDY AND APPLICATION

SCRIPTURE READING: John 8:31-32; 2 Tim.2:15; 2 Tim 3:15-17; Matt.4:4; 1Pet. 2:2; 2 Pet.1:20-21; Heb.4:12; Mark 4:14-20

MEMORY VERSE: 2 Tim.2:15

PURPOSE: To understand the importance of regular daily Bible study and the daily application of the scriptures in our lives, i.e. what does the Word tell me to do when I am tempted to worry, to loose my temper, to talk about someone, to be lonely etc.

LESSON: There has never been and there will never be a book written like the BIBLE. It is more than just a book, it is a living, breathing revelation of God's will; His plan and purpose for man on this earth and foretells the future of this earth. To the true disciple the WORD OF GOD is his food. When one reads and studies the word it is quickened to his SPIRIT BY the Holy Spirit and it provides strength, knowledge and wisdom far beyond what anyone in the world can imagine.

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF WORD STUDY:

1. Just as the natural man's body (the physical) requires food (a well balanced diet) to remain healthy and to live, so the SPIRITUAL man requires food. The daily intake of the Word of God causes us to be strong, healthy, and to grow in our innermost being. Without it we will be weak, sickly and will remain babies or mental morons (spiritually weak) for the rest of our lives. (1 Pet.2:2; Matt 4:4; 2 Pet. 3:18).

2. "Without faith it is impossible to please Him"(God). (Heb.11:6) "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God". (Rom.10:17) In order to please God (and what Christian doesn't want to please Him) and in order to be a person of FAITH we ABSOLUTELY MUST spend time in the Word of God. Our faith grows and we become more pleasing to God as we spend time (daily) in the Word of God. It goes without saying, if we don't, we won't.

3. The WORD helps us to know and to understand the WILL OF GOD, HIS plan and PURPOSE for our lives. From His Word we learn how to please HIM and also how not to be ashamed of HIM at HIS appearing. (2 Tim. 2:15; Eph. 5:17)

4. Word study helps us to "rightly divide" or to understand the scriptures. To be able to distinguish TRUTH from ERROR. Those who do not get into the Word are the most susceptible to false spirits, false teachers, false doctrines and doctrines of demons. (2 Tim.2:15; 2 Tim.3:15-17; John 8:31-32; 1 Tim. 4:1).

5. Word study makes us "wise unto Salvation", through faith in Jesus Christ. Salvation effects all three aspects of man (Spirit, Soul and Body). We must be wise in order to develop the complete man. This wisdom can only come from God. (2 Tim.2:15; Eph. 5:17; Hosea 4:6).

6. Word study helps us to distinguish between what is SPIRITUAL and what is SOULICAL or CARNAL. Only the Spiritual man can see within himself and discern the motives, attitudes and true thoughts of his heart. As we search the Word for truth the Word SEARCHES US. The Holy Spirit inspired Word of God only accomplishes this. (Heb.4:12)

7. Word study provides us with DOCTRINE, REPROOF, CORRECTION, INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS. Word study and the application of the word will make us MATURE and will bring us into all good works. We will be able to please God. (2 Tim. 3:15-17)

8. Word study helps us to bring forth fruit for God. The WORD is the SEED which produces the crop. The more seed (Word) we sow (plant) the greater will be the harvest. (Mark 4:14-20)

II. QUESTIONS:

1. Are you spiritually mature or are you still a spiritual baby? _____
2. How much of the Bible have you read? 1/8, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, all? _____
3. How much of the Bible have you studied? 1/8, 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, all? _____

* Here is a clue to assist you with questions 1 & 2. There are 1189 chapters in the Bible. Compare this to the number of chapter that you have read and studied.

4. What is the longest chapter in the Bible? _____
5. What is the shortest chapter in the Bible? _____
6. What is the shortest verse in the Bible? _____

* The answers to questions 4-6 will not be found in our study verses. You will need a good reference bible or a bible reference book.

7. How many verses of the Bible have you committed to memory? _____

* There are 31,173 in the Bible. Divide this number into the number memorized to obtain percentage.

8. Do you read and study the Bible daily? Yes _____ No _____

9. Whatever your answer to question 8 is, WHY? _____

10. Do you know the actual difference between your SOUL and your SPIRIT? _____

11. Is Daily Bible study important to YOU? Yes _____ No _____

12. Do you KNOW God's will, plan and purpose for YOUR life? Yes _____ No _____

13. In the story of the SOWER as told by Jesus in Mark 4, where was the SEED (WORD) to be sown (planted)?

14. In this same story (Mark 4), what three (3) hindrances caused the seed (word) to not bring forth a crop or to be unfruitful? _____

15. Also the Word (seed) planted in the good soil produced three (3) quantities. What are they? _____

16. At what production level would you consider the Word to be bringing forth fruit in YOUR life? _____
WHY? _____

17. How many books are there in the Bible? _____ How many books in the Old Testament? _____ How many in the New Testament? _____ How many people did God use to write the Bible? _____ and over how many years? _____

18. Where did the Bible come from? _____ How did we get it? _____

19. In what language or languages was the original text of the Bible written? _____

20. Did the original translators (men) change the true meaning of the scriptures? _____

21. Do you believe that God watches over His Word? _____

THANK YOU!

GOD BLESS YOU!

ISN'T JESUS WONDERFUL!