

DISCIPLESHIP COURSE

PART III: DAILY WORD STUDY AND APPLICATION (CONTINUED)

SCRIPTURE READING: John 8:31-32; James 1:22; Matt. 7:21-29; Psa.119:11, Psa.119:67, 71,105,130,162; Joshua 1:7-8; Deut.6:3-7;Deut. 11: 18-28.

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: When a passage of scripture is believed and acted upon strange and wonderful things begin to happen: lives are changed; bodies are healed; attitudes are changed; lives are filled with peace and joy; fears, doubts and worries are removed; many other things happen too numerous to mention. All because someone dared to believe the WORD of GOD and put it into practice. Will You?

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF WORD APPLICATION:

A. Jesus states that a disciple is one who CONTINUES in HIS WORD.

1. He continues to LEARN and to APPLY the lessons learned.

2. There is both an instantaneous and progressive FREEDOM for those who become disciples. (John 8:31-32)

B. James says that a true believer will apply or put into practice the WORD in his daily life. He also states that if anyone professes to be a believer but does not put into PRACTICE or APPLY the WORD in their lives, then that person has been deceived. (James 1:21-27)

1. The more knowledgeable of the WORD one is the more responsible he is. (Matt.13:12; Luke 12:47-48)

2. The more we apply the word given the more the word is given. Also the more we understand the word.

Revelation (the true understanding) of the word comes from GOD through the Holy Spirit. Why should He give us more when we are not applying what we already have.

C. Jesus describes a disciple as a man who is building his house upon a rock. (Matt. 7:21-29). He not only hears the word but he is a DOER of the word.

1.This man builds progressively. LINE upon LINE, PRECEPT upon PRECEPT here a little and there a little. (Isaiah 28:10-13) Gradually his spiritual house (his inner-man) takes shape and grows in maturity.

2. Such a persons spiritual house will stand against all of the storms of life.

3. The individual who **is not** a DOER of the word is building his house upon a sandy foundation and his spiritual house will not be able to stand even in the least of storms. The storms of life i.e. worry, doubt, fear, strife, turmoil, confusion etc.will lead to his total frustration, defeat and utter failure.

D. The WORD hidden in our heart keeps us from sin. (Psalms 119:11)

1.The very best way to remember the word is to apply what it says to our daily situations and circumstances.

E. The true disciple will usually come into affliction before he learns to apply the word in all his daily affairs. In fact many of the trials and problems, which come to Christians is to teach them to get into the WORD and to apply its precepts. (Psa. 119:67 & 71)

F. The WORD brings LIGHT and understanding in all areas and aspects of our lives. (Psa. 119:105)

G.The Word will make us wise in ALL matters. In spiritual things, worldly matters, business affairs, school, family, health and finances, to name just a few. The Bible is a very practical book. (Psa. 119:130)

H. The Word becomes more and more precious and valuable to us as we go along following its instructions. (Psa. 119:162 & Joshua 1:8)

I. All the blessings of GOD, spiritual success, material success, happiness, joy, peace prosperity, health and other blessings we could name come upon HIS people ONLY as we keep HIS word. Almost every promise in the Bible has this condition. Watch for the little word "if". "If you continue in my word".....(Deut. 6:3-7; Deut. 11:18-28; Joshua1: 7-8 etc.)

J. 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:

- A. What does the word "continue" as used by Jesus in John 8:31 mean to you? _____
- B. What kind of freedom does a disciple have that a normal believer does not have?
- C. Name at least five (5) ways that you put into practice the scriptures daily.
- D. Name the specific scriptures that you use in each case.
- E. Name or list at least five (5) scriptures that YOU have hid in your heart so that you might not sin against God.
- F. What does the word MEDITATE as used in Joshua 1:8 mean to you?
- G. What is one major area of your life that you seem to have the most trouble with?
- H. Find in your Bible and list at least three (3) scriptures that speak to this problem.
- I. In view of this lesson do you consider yourself a disciple? Yes____ No_____
- J. There is always room for improvement isn't there?
- K. List one or more of the areas in your life that you need to work on.
- L. Now look up at least three (3) scriptures that apply to each one of these areas.
- M. Write down a least three(3) ways the WORD has been of benefit to you personally.

THANK YOU!

GOD BLESS YOU!

ISN'T JESUS WONDERFUL!