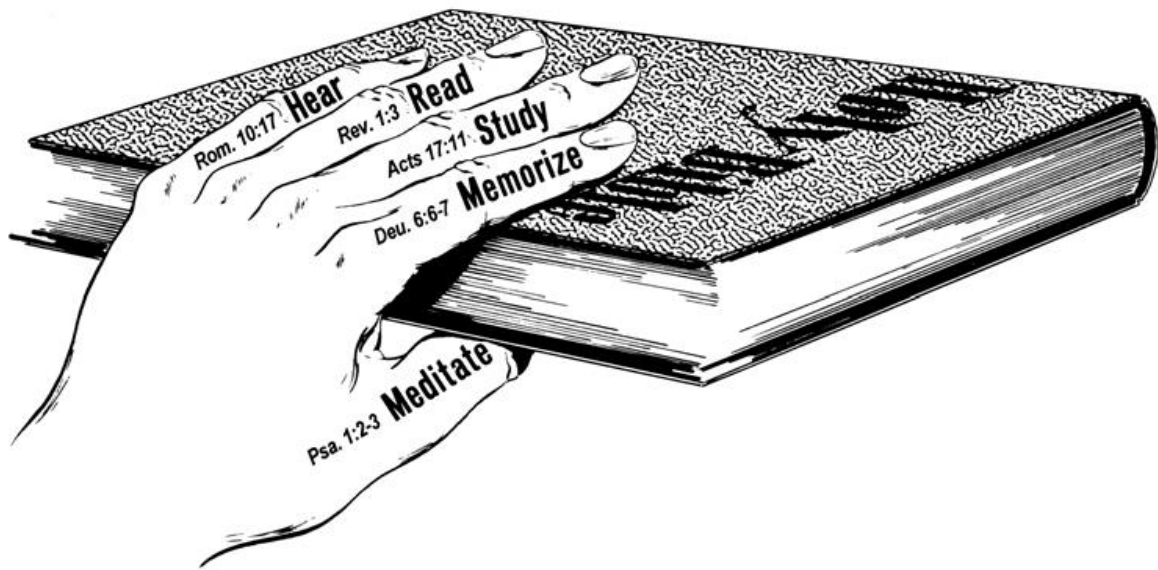


**HOW TO GET A  
GRASP ON YOUR  
BIBLE**



**Apply** — James 1:22

**Memory Verse**

**All Scripture is inspired by God profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

# I. SIX WAYS TO GET A GRASP ON GOD'S WORD

## II. HOW TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Faith comes from hearing and hearing from the Word of God - Rom 10:17*

**Ways to hear God's Word:**

- \_\_\_\_\_
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- \_\_\_\_\_

**Problem:** *We forget \_\_\_\_\_ percent of what we hear after 72 hours.*

### HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR HEARING

1. *Be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to hear God.*

*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. –  
Psalms 119:103*

2. *Deal with \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ hearing God.*

- *A Closed Mind:* Is fear, pride or bitterness preventing me from hearing God?
- *A superficial Mind:* Am I really serious about wanting to hear God speak?
- *A preoccupied Mind:* Am I too busy and concerned with other things to concentrate on what God has to say?

3. *Confess \_\_\_\_\_ in your life.*

*Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. James 1:21*

4. *Take \_\_\_\_\_ on what you hear.*

*We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. Heb 2:1*

5. \_\_\_\_\_ *on what you hear!*

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. **Do what it says.***  
James 1:22

*But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, **but doing it**—they will be blessed in what they do. James 1:25*

## **II. HOW TO READ GOD’S WORD**

*Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near. Rev 1:3*

*How often should I read God’s Word? \_\_\_\_\_*

*It is to be with him, and he is to read it **all the days of his life** so that he may learn to revere the LORD his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees. Deut 17:19*

## **SUGGESTIONS**

- Read it in different \_\_\_\_\_
- Read it aloud or quietly to \_\_\_\_\_
- Read with your \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ key verses
- Choose a reading \_\_\_\_\_ and stick with it.

*If I read approximately \_\_\_\_\_ minutes a day, I can read the Bible through in a year.*

## **III. HOW TO STUDY GOD’S WORD**

*Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and **examined the Scriptures every day** to see if what Paul said was true. Acts 17:11*

*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and **who correctly handles the word of truth.** 2 Timothy 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### Seven Basic Questions

Who, What, When, Where, Why, How, Other

### Suggested Resources for Bible Study

#### Study Bibles:

Holman Study Bible  
ESV Study Bible  
Macarthur Study Bible  
ESV or Holman Reference Bible

#### Bible Reference Works

Exhaustive Concordance  
Bible Dictionary  
Vines Expository Dictionary

#### Doctrine Books:

Things Which Become Sound Doctrine – J.D. Pentecost  
Knowledge of the Holy – A.W. Tozer  
Knowing God – J. I. Packer

## IV. HOW TO MEMORIZE GOD’S WORD

*Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye.  
3 Bind them on your fingers; write them on the tablet of your heart. Proverbs 7:2-3*

### ***BENEFITS OF MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE***

1. It helps me resist \_\_\_\_\_

*I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Psalms 119:11*

2. It helps me make \_\_\_\_\_

*Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. Psalms 119:105*

3. It \_\_\_\_\_ me 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.(LB) Psalms 119:49-50*

4. It \_\_\_\_\_ me when I'm \_\_\_\_\_.

*Your words are what sustain me... They bring joy to my sorrowing heart and delight me (LB) Jeremiah 15:16*

5. It helps me \_\_\_\_\_ to unbelievers.

*But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. **Always be prepared to give an answer** to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect 1 Peter 3:15*

### **WHEN TO MEMORIZE A VERSE**

- During your quiet time
- At Bedtime
- While Exercising,
- While Waiting

### **SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO MEMORIZE A VERSE**

- Pick a verse that speaks to you
- Say the reference before and after the verse
- Read the verse aloud many times
- Break the verse into natural phrases
- Emphasize key words when quoting the verse
- Carry verse cards with you at all times for review
- Display your verses in prominent places
- Get a partner so you can check each other

### **THREE KEYS TO MEMORIZING:**

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

We remember what is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

*The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold. Psalms 119:72*

## **SCRIPTURE MEMORY COURSE**

The following verses suggest a “balance” in Scripture Memory. The verses selected are key verses in understanding the foundation of the Christian Life and Christian growth. Do not feel tied down to this suggestion 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	2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20
Obedience to Christ	Romans 12:1; John 14:21
The Word	2 Timothy 3:16; Joshua 1:8
Prayer	John 15:7; Philippians 4:6-7
Fellowship	Mathew 18:20; Hebrews 10:24-25
Witnessing	Mathew 4:19; Romans 1:16

### **Proclaim Christ**

All have sinned	Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6
Sin’s Penalty	Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27
Christ Paid the Penalty	Romans 5:8; 1 Peter 3:18
Salvation not by works	Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5
Must Receive Christ	John 1:12; Revelation 3:20
Assurance of Salvation	1 John 5:13; John 5:24

### **Rely on God’s Resources**

His Spirit	1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 2:12
His Strength	Isaiah 41:10; Philippians 4:13
His Faithfulness	Lamentations 3:22-23; Numbers 23:19
His Peace	Isaiah 26:3; 1 Peter 5:7
His Provision	Romans 8:32; Philippians 4:19
His Help in Temptation	Hebrews 2:18; Psalms 119:9,11

### **Be Christ’s Disciple**

Put Christ First	Mathew 6:33; Luke 9:23
Separate from the World	1 John 2:15-16; Romans 12:2
Be Steadfast	1 Corinthians 15:58; Hebrews 12:3
Serve Others	Mark 10:45; 2 Corinthians 4:5
Give Generously	Proverbs 3:9-10; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7
Develop World Vision	Acts 1:8; Mathew 28:19-20

### **Grow in Christlikeness**

Love	John 13:34-35; 1 John 3:18
Humility	Philippians 2:3-4; 1 Peter 5:5-6
Purity	Ephesians 5:3; 1 Peter 2:11
Honesty	Leviticus 19:11; Acts 24:16
Faith	Hebrews 11:6; Romans 4:20-21
Good Works	Galatians 6:9-10; Mathew 5:16

## 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. Psalms 1:2-3

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
...*Your life is shaped by your thoughts Proverbs 4:23*  
*Be transformed by the renewing of your mind Romans 12:2*  
*As we .....contemplate the Lord's glory, we are being transformed into His likeness*  
*1 Corinthians 3:18*

2. It is key to \_\_\_\_\_  
*If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. John 15:7*

3. It is the key to \_\_\_\_\_.  
This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.  
Joshua (1:8)

### SIX WAYS TO MEDITATE ON A VERSE

1. Picture it! Visualize the scene in your mind
2. Pronounce it! Say the verse aloud, each time emphasizing a different part
3. Paraphrase it! Rewrite the verse in your own words
4. Personalize it! Replace the pronouns or people in the verse with your own name
5. Pray it! Turn the verse into a prayer and say it back to God
6. Probe it! Ask the following 9 Questions:

## VI. HOW TO APPLY GOD'S WORD

### ASK Is There any

Sin to \_\_\_\_\_?

Promise to \_\_\_\_\_?

Attitude to \_\_\_\_\_?

Command to \_\_\_\_\_?

Example to \_\_\_\_\_?

Prayer to \_\_\_\_\_?

Error to \_\_\_\_\_?

Truth to \_\_\_\_\_?

Something to \_\_\_\_\_?

### Then,

Write out a sentence that describes a project or action you will take to apply the truth from God's Word.

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

*Now that you know these things – **do them!** That is the path of blessing! John 13:17*



## ***Exercise:***

### ***Mathew 7:24-29***

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

### **Hear**

1. Prepare yourself to be ready and eager to hear God’s word

### **Read**

2. Identify and underline any key words or phrases

### **Memorize**

3. Determine if there are any verses that you would like memorize from this passage, and if so add to your memorization list.

### **Study**

4. Ask Seven basic questions

Who are the main characters?

What are they doing?

When did it take place?

Where is this happening?

Why are they building a house?

How are they building their houses?

Other Questions?

### **Meditate**

6. Picture it! Visualize the scene in your mind, but put it in the context of two men going to church to hear God’s Word. What would that look like?

## **Apply**

### 7. ASK Is There any

Sin to Confess?

Promise to Claim?

Attitude to Change ?

Command to Obey?

Example to Follow?

Prayer to Pray?

Error to Avoid?

Truth to Believe?

Something to be thankful for?

## **Then,**

Write out a sentence that describes a project or action you will take to apply the truth from God's Word.

***THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS SESSION ON "GETTING A GRASP ON YOUR BIBLE!!***