

Getting the GOLD out of the Word of God



MESSAGE 1 - INTRODUCTION

When I talk about getting the best from God's Word I am talking about studying, really studying the Bible. GOLD is not got but by digging, and by sticking at it, day in, day out (I would need to say this 10 times). There is no easy 5 min way.

- 1) Obtain a NOTEBOOK. (Suggest A5, Good bookshelf size)
- 2) Must determine to READ THE BIBLE if you would study it.

(VETERAN OF PRAYER, Mueller 100 times, felt ready to study)

Firmly resolve to STUDY: SYSTEMATICALLY, PRAYERFULLY, READILY, RESPONSIVELY and REGULARLY.

1. I think it is best to take a book of the Bible...

- Because it incorporates all other types of study
- Take a chapter at a time
- Write down briefly what the chapter is about

a. Go for simple one line sentences. They act as "coat-hooks"

e.g. Matt 1-7, or Acts 1-7 (Illus: coat-hooks). This is a way that works!

b. Look for and MARK memory lines / verses BOOK/CHAPT/VERSE

c. Ask yourself QUESTIONS How I began when I did not have a clue

- What OT Refs (In a NT book. In an OT bk the NY use)? [i.e. if any exist
- What great DOCTRINES are taught?
- What heresies are countered? (If any)

Here are 7 PIDGEON HOLES for you to make on any chapt of the BIBLE

- 1) God [Sovereignty, Providence, Attributes etc]
- 2) Christ [Div. Attributes, Titles e.g. 7 in Daniel, Son of Man [Cam. B]

- 3) Bible [Inspiration of the Word, Power of Word, Promises etc.]
- 4) Salvation [The Blood Atonement, Prayer, Assurance]
- 5) Holy Spirit [Div Attributes, Power, Sanctification]
- 6) Satan, Sin [Total Depravity, Sins of Saints, Sinners, Judgement]
- 7) Prophecy [Affects this life, named people, 2nd advent, world to come]

d. LOOK FOR DETAIL (Above we describe general study.)

The A.V. usually far & away the best for this...

ILLUS.... A man rang me up [Lk 24:32]

ILLUS.... Many say they know Gen 1

e.g. God saw that it was GOOD [Find out the missing day] but it occurs 2# in another day. Another day has 2 = i.e. 'good' then 'very good'

On 3 different days 'God blessed' occurs. **MARK THEM**

On 3 days 'God called' occurs (i.e. He named something)

e. PICK OUT an impressive or KEY WORD in the Chapter

Then look out for the same word elsewhere in Scripture. Use a good concordance for this. [Young's if it has an index]. Thus your **WORD STUDY** can begin.

LOOK UP 'pisteuo' in the index to find 3 types of word there under it

- Believe, Trust[m], Commit

LOOK UP 'elpis' in the index. The noun is translated "HOPE" [53 times & 'faith' once]. The verb includes 'trust' (18 times). In the Bible Hope=Assurance and is related to Comfort [cf Rom 15:4,15]

'HOPE' occurs 3 times in Titus

- i) Eternal life 1:2 – Found in the Word
- ii) Culminates in the appearing of Christ [2:13]
- iii) Justified by... the work of the Cross [3.7]

Titus a short book – can be read at a single setting

Chapter Outline

Ch 1 - The Worker, v5 [v6-8]

Ch 2 – Words, v1, 15

Doctrine, v1, 7, 10 [teaching Greek]

Ch 3 – Works, v8, 15

CHAPTER STUDIES..... (Faith occurs 3 times)

Chapter 1 - Definition of Faith, v1

Discipline of v4

CHARACTER (Put first v6-8 because doct, assumed, N.B. negative & positive) and

WORK v9 (Paul did not say v10)

Doctrine of v13

Chapter 2 - 3 Kinds of Teaching

- Exhortation v6
- Example v7
- Experience v12, 13

Chapter 3 - Salvation.....

- Ground of, v5
- Means of, v5

Mark the 7 blessings:

**SAVED, WASHED, RENEWED, ENRICHED [M],
JUSTIFIED, HEIRS, 7 GIVEN ASSURANCE**

Note 3 things: to affirm, to avoid, admonish, v8-10