

DAY FIVE

What should I look for when reading the Bible?

PRAYER – Lord teach me Your Word. I want to take it into my life and be like You. It seems during Your life You were always using it. I know that You studied it growing up. Help me to study it. Help me to learn it. Help me to memorize it. I want to be Your disciple. In Jesus Name, Amen.

WORD – Read 2 Timothy 3:16. *“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”*

God gave us this special book to change our lives. When you read the Bible you need to ask yourself some questions. You might want to write them down in a notebook as you study. When reading a passage ask: Who is speaking? Who is He speaking to? What is He speaking about? What does this passage say to me today? If you take this verse as a guide after asking those questions you can see what God is saying to you. What is this verse *teaching* me? Is God telling me to stop something? (*Rebuking*) Is He *correcting* me? Is He *training* me to be more like Jesus? The end of that passage shows that God’s goal is to equip you so that you can do the work God has called you to do. All of these things are what I should look for when reading the Bible.

CHALLENGE – Read 2 Timothy 2:15 and apply this method and see what God is saying to you. *“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” KJV*

1. *Who is speaking?*
2. *Who is He speaking to?*
3. *What is He speaking about?*
4. *What does this passage say to me today?*
 - a. *What is this verse teaching me?*
 - b. *Is God telling me to stop something?*
 - c. *Is He correcting me?*
 - d. *Is He training me to be more like Jesus?*

This will help you as you study His Word. Get a Bible dictionary and a Concordance. Different translations are helpful. A good commentary is useful but remember the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible. Ask the Holy Spirit who inspired the Bible to teach you the Bible.