

## Handling God's Word

### I. Introduction

A. What are some names for God's Word?

B. What should everyone do with God's Word?

### II. Scripture

A. **Read** silently, out loud, and **Listen** to God's Word.

1. **Jos. 8:34-35**—"34-*And afterward he **read** all the words of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law. 35-There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua **read** not before all the congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that were conversant among them.*"
2. **Jer. 36:6**—"Therefore go thou, and **read** in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD'S house upon the fasting day: and also thou shalt **read** them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities."
3. **1Th. 5:27**—"I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be **read** unto all the holy brethren."

B. **Apply**, Obey, Do, and Keep God's Word.

1. **Num. 15:39-40**—"39-*And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and **do** them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring: 40-That ye may remember, and **do** all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.*"
2. **Psa. 90:12**—"So teach us to number our days, that we may **apply** our hearts unto wisdom."
3. **Psa. 103:18**—"To such as **keep** His covenant, and to those that remember His commandments to **do** them."
4. **Psa. 111:10**—"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that **do** His commandments: His praise endureth forever."
5. **2Th. 3:14**—"And if any man **obey** not our Word by this Epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed."
6. **Exo. 24:7**—"And he took the Book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we **do**, and be **obedient**."

C. **Study** God's Word.

1. **2Ti. 2:15**—"**Study** to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth."
2. **Pro. 15:28**—"The heart of the righteous **studieth** to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things."

D. **Meditate** on God's Word.

1. **Jos. 1:8**—"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt **meditate** therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."
2. **Psa. 1:2**—"But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in His law doth he **meditate** day and night."
3. **Psa. 119:97, 148**—"97-MEM. O how love I thy law! it is my **meditation** all the day. 148- Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might **meditate** in thy Word."

E. **Memorize** God's Word.

1. **2Ti. 2:14**—"Of these things **put them in remembrance**, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers."
2. **Pro. 3:3**—"Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; **write them upon the table of thine heart.**"
3. **Pro. 7:3**—"Bind them upon thy fingers, **write them upon the table of thine heart.**"
4. **Psa. 119:11**—"Thy Word have I **hid in mine heart**, that I might not sin against thee."

F. **Display**, Post, and/or Publish God's Word.

1. **Deu. 6:9**—"And thou shalt **write them upon the posts** of thy house, and on thy gates."
2. **Deu. 11:20**—"And thou shalt **write them upon the door posts** of thine house, and upon thy gates."

G. **Teach** and **Preach** God's Word.

1. **Mat. 28:19-20**—"19-Go ye therefore, and **teach** all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20-**Teaching** them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."
2. **2Ti. 2:24**—"And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to **teach**, patient."

3. **Gal. 6:6**—"Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that **teacheth** in all good things."
4. **Mar. 16:15**—"And He [Jesus] said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and **preach** the gospel to every creature."
5. **2Ti. 4:2**—"Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."
6. **Tit. 2:1**—"But **speak** thou the things which become sound doctrine."

### III. Application

- A. Circle (D 1-7 below) which ones do you do least effectively, why?
- B. How can you increase those with which you struggle the most?
- C. Will you commit to doing all 7 of these more/more effectively?
- D. State one specific for each of how you will practice them more?
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