

Quarter Two: Growing in a Relationship with God

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Lesson 5—How to Study the Bible

Wednesday: A Double Blessing

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- **Last Week:** “The Role of the Bible”
 - Importance of the Bible: it’s role in the life of the believer & how it can change us
- **This Week:** “How to Study the Bible”
 - Practical ways for how to study the Bible & experience & know it’s truths for ourselves

Memory Text: ““So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it”” (Isa 55:11, NKJV).

The week in brief:

- 1. **Sunday:** Time (SQ)
 - John 15 – making consistent time & savoring time in the Word (don’t rush)
- 2. **Monday:** A Place (Ryan)
 - Mark 1:35 – finding a consistent place to meet daily with God
- 3. **Tuesday:** Deep Bible Study (James)
 - Various Scriptures - Tips for Bible study
- 4. **Wednesday:** A Double Blessing (Jill)
 - Isa 50:4 – continued tips Bible study; importance of sharing what we study; study of God’s Word encourages us & others
- 5. **Thursday:** ‘Tis So Sweet! (John L)
 - Ps 119 & Isa 55 – joy & blessing found when we study God’s Word

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Isa 50:4; Phil 3:14; John 17:3

- Two-fold focus of lesson:
 - **How to** study God’s Word?
 - Continuation from Pastor James
 - **Why** should we study the Word?
 - What does it do for us and others?
- How to study God’s Word:
 - *Travel – most asked Q: “Jill, how do you study God’s Word?”
- **10 Keys to Study God’s Word:**
 - **1. Everyone is different**
 - Keys & principles are same, but method of learning & personality are different
 - Use what works for you

- **2. Devotional study vs deep Bible study**
 - Sometimes the same; sometimes different
 - *Jill, devotions: change it up
- **3. Enter study with prayer, humility, faith & obedience**
 - Pray for inspiration of Holy Spirit
 - John 16:13 – “when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth...”
 - Be willing to be taught (humility)
 - Instead of proving someone wrong
 - Instead of looking at passage for someone else to change
 - Grasp promises by faith
 - 2 Cor 1:20 – all His promises are yes & amen in Christ Jesus
 - Walk in obedience to what you learn
 - Bible study is deeply personal: vertical, me & God (not me & others)
 - Deut 5:33 – “You shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you...”
- **4. Look for Jesus & be practical** (incorporate the Bible into everyday life)
 - Everything we study, look for Jesus
 - How does He address this topic?
 - Where can I find Him here?
 - John 5:39 – “You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life, and these are they which testify of Me.”
 - Apply the Scripture in a practical way
 - How will this affect my life if I follow this?
 - Where do I need to change & grow?
 - Promises in the Word – highlight
 - *Bible as a child / Romans
- **5. Study Word in context**
 - Read the passage in context – not just one verse out of context
 - Establish the “big” picture (*Dad)
- **6. Study original language** (Hebrew & Greek words)
 - *Bible Hub – study Hebrew & Greek from Strong’s
 - Word search specific word – every time that word is used
 - *Pistis; Heseid; Agape; Bara*
 - 2 Tim 2:15 – “Be diligent to present yourselves approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.”
- **7. Compare Scripture with Scripture**
 - Compare words across Scripture (#6 above)
 - Compare topics across Scripture

- Isa 28:10 – “For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, there a little, there a little.”
 - **8. Read EGW commentary**
 - EGW comments on passage
 - If reading gospels, study DA & how it corresponds to passage
 - If reading Genesis, study PP
 - If parables, COL
 - **9. Study historical context**
 - History, culture of Bible times
 - *Paul’s admonition for women to be quiet in church
 - **10. Extra-biblical sources**
 - The reformers: Luther, Zwingli, Huss; Oswald Chambers (current)
 - Always compare to the Word of God for Biblical accuracy
 - Isa 8:20 – “To the law & to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”
- **Why should we study the Word?**
 - Many answers: just two below
 - The Word reveals Jesus
 - The Word grows our faith
 - The Word transforms us & gives us victory
 - **1. The Double Blessing**
 - Isa 50:4 – “The Lord God has given Me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary; He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to hear as the learned.”
 - Context: speaking of Jesus, the Suffering Servant
 - Application today: learn to share
 - I learn from God & His Word
 - I can then speak a word at the right time (in season) to the weary
 - *William Glasser’s theory: we retain
 - 10% when we read
 - 20% when we listen
 - 30% when we observe
 - 70% when we discuss with others
 - 80% when we write, summarize, practice
 - 95% when we teach others
 - We encourage others & are in turn encouraged ourselves
 - The student becomes the teacher
 - **2. The Change we need**

- 2 Tim 3:16, 17 – “**All** Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for **doctrine**, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, (17) that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”
 - All = *pas* = each & every one
 - The Word is inspired (Gk, the Word is “God-breathed”)
 - The Word contains truth (doctrine / *teaching*) – Jesus = the Truth
 - The Word corrects me
 - The Word instructs me in righteousness
 - The Word enables me to be complete / perfect, KJV
 - The Word equips me for good works