



Studying the Word of God

PSALM 1:2, JOSHUA 1:8

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PART ONE: MOTIVE

Have you ever felt frustrated at reading the Bible but not being able to retain what you read? Or maybe you've lost motivation to read it consistently. Maybe you feel guilty and know you should study more but never quite find the time.

Have we considered the irony of such thinking?

- If the Word of God is our daily bread (Matt. 4:4), why don't we eat it daily?
- If the Word of God makes us wise for salvation through faith in Christ (2 Tim. 3:15), why do we emphasize worldly wisdom?
- If the Word of God is healing to our life (Ps. 107:20), why do we not live to remember it?
- If the Word of God is eternal (Ps. 119:89), then why do we let that which passes away get first place in our life?

Psalm 1:2 says: *"But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night."* Do we delight in His Word? Joshua 1:8 tells us, *"This Book of the Law must not depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. For then you will prosper and succeed in all you do."*

But are we careful with the Word of God?

The Word of God:	
Upholds the universe (Heb. 1:3)	Is the source of our faith (Rom. 10:17)
Is a light to our path (Ps. 119:105)	Is our encouragement unto hope (Rom. 15:4)
Imparts understanding to the simple (Ps. 119:130)	Is given by inspiration of God making us complete and equipped for every good work (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
Is the sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17)	Is by which we are born again (1 Pet. 1:23)
Is the truth (Jn. 17:17)	Will never pass away (Matt. 24:35)

I. WHY STUDY GOD'S WORD?

1. This is the battle ground Satan will fight you the hardest on. (Mk 4:15)
2. Our nature is to forget, grow apathetic and ignore God's Word. We must overcome with the power of the Spirit living in us. (Jos. 22:5)

II. WHAT'S OUR MOTIVE?

Think: what drove you to learn something that was difficult?

Love	Legalism
Desire <i>A longing and hope toward God's Word</i> (Ps. 119:103, Job 23:12, Ps. 19:9-10, Ps. 119:81) I long to know God's Word (Sos. 3:1-4) Ask Him! (Matt. 7:7-8)	Duty <i>I have to or else...</i> (Luke 15:25-32)
Delight <i>Finding great pleasure in God's Word</i> (Ps. 1:2, Ps. 119:16, Ps. 119:35) I find pleasure in God's Word (Sos. 7:6) Spend time with Him! (1 Chron. 16:11)	Drudgery <i>Why do I have to study now?</i> (Sos. 5:2-8)
Diligent <i>Earnest & energetic effort in God's Word</i> (Ps. 119:148, Ps. 119:112, Ps. 119:11, Matt. 7:24-27) I take action to apply God's Word (Sos. 7:11-12) Obey the Word! (Jas. 1:21-25)	Disregard <i>It's not a big deal to miss</i> (Jn. 14:24)
Devoted <i>Ardently dedicated and loyal to God's Word</i> (Ps. 119:34, 1 Tim. 4:13, Neh. 8:1-12) I'm loyal to God's Word (Sos. 8:6-7) Walk with Him! (Ps. 119:1-3)	Disdain <i>God's Word doesn't mean that</i> (2 Pet. 3:15-16)

III. WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

1. Seek (desire): question, search with all your heart and soul (Deut. 4:29)
Guard against **Distraction**
2. Meditate (delight): ponder, pray, converse with one's self (Ps. 119:15)
Guard against **Distrust**
3. Read (diligent): get to know (Rev. 1:3)
Guard against **Discouragement**
4. Take Action (devoted): store in your heart, teach, talk, recite, write down (Deut. 6:6-9)
Guard against **Distance**

IV. HOMEWORK

Study Genesis chapter 24 and see where it takes you. Have fun, think, ponder, wonder - even ask questions! *There are no boundaries.* Feel free to share what you discover next week. Be honest and pay attention to Distraction, Distrust, Discouragement and Distance. Share what you did to overcome!

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