

How to Know the Bible

- **HEAR** the bible (Rom. 10:17)
- **READ** the bible (Rev. 1:3)
- **STUDY** the bible (Acts 17:11)
- **MEMORIZE** the bible (Ps. 119:9-11)
- **MEDITATE** on the bible (Ps. 1:2-3)
- Like fingers on a hand
 - More fingers, more grasp

How to Know the Bible

- We study scripture because it is sufficient
 - 2 Tim. 3:16
- Bible study more than just reading
 - Careful observation
 - Interpretation
 - Application
- Reading provides overall picture, study helps you:
 - Think
 - Learn
 - Apply what you read to your life

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- Meditation is prayerful reflection
 - View towards understanding and application
- Bible Study Process
 - Preparation
 - Spend short time in prayer, confess any sin, ask the Holy Ghost to open your eyes (Ps. 119:18)
 - Observation
 - What is taking place in the passage? What do I see?
 - Interpretation
 - What does it mean?
 - Lk. 18:25

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- Bible Study Process (cont'd)
 - Application
 - What effect will this have on my life?
 - A tool for application; put on the SPECS
 - Sin to forsake
 - Promise to claim
 - Example to follow
 - Command to obey
 - Stumbling block to avoid
 - Repetition
 - More passes through a verse, the deeper its meaning to you

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- Are the 168 hrs being well invested?

<u>Time in the Word</u>	<u>My Present Program</u>	<u>New Goals and Plans</u>
Hearing the Word		
Reading the Word		
Studying the Word		
Memorizing the Word		