

Summer of Spiritual Growth: Understanding the Bible 1

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The Word of God imparted into your daily life is how you grow spiritually, discover direction, and find true freedom.

I Peter 2:2 – As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the Word, that you may grow thereby.

Five Steps to Have a Devotional Life:

1. Set a time and a daily appointment
2. Be still and worship
3. Pray
4. Read the Word (God speaks through His Word) and listen and write (God speaks to you)

II Timothy 3:16-17 – ¹⁶ Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof and **conviction of sin**, for **correction of error and discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness** (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action), ¹⁷ and through the Word we are **put together and shaped up** for the tasks God has for us.

Psalms 119:105 – By your words I can see where I'm going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path.

Matthew 4:4 – Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Conviction of Sin:

Your final authority on right and wrong must be God's Word.

John 17:14-19 – ¹⁴ I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify or set them apart by Your truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸ As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified or set apart by the truth.

Correction of Error and Discipline in Obedience & Training in Righteousness:

Proverbs 14:12 – There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

John 15:1-4 – "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are clean [pruned] because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

Abiding in Jesus IS abiding in the Word!

Equipped to Fulfill God's Purpose:

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