

How to Read Your Bible and Hear From God Pt 3

Review:

1. Bible is not for information but transformation.
2. Don't read the word, let it read to you.
3. Not what you do not understand, but what you do
4. Remember to remember what the Lord has spoken: by Journaling
5. Spiritually Discerned: must be born again
6. Spiritual food: manna, responsible to gather for yourself each day
7. Devotional caution: Don't lose your appetite for the Word
8. The heart of the matter is the matter of the heart: prepare your heart
9. Keeping on task: be prepared, make lists... a time and a place for you to meet
10. Not just one way to journal:
 - Vertical Verse
 - Put On/ Put off list
 - Do/action & result
 - Wisdom vs foolish
 - Righteous vs evil
 - Contrasts and comparison
 - View from each person's eyes
 - Looking for gem, nugget

Rom 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus

1. Consistently

Verses by verse, chapter by chapter, whole counsel of God.

*A place and a time, go there each day... Finding what is right for you, finding a rhythm, making it a habit

2Tim 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Mt 4:4 But He answered and said, "It is written: 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT COMES OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"

2. Expectantly

2Pt1:3 He has given us all things for life and godliness

-Reading and praying every day... as we ask God for answers and direction

Jms 1:1 Must believe and without doubt that He wants to speak to you, that he will speak to you that he has given you all that you need for life and godliness if you come to Him!

3. Conversationally

Mt 13:15 For this people's heart has grown callous; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn, and I would heal them.'

4. Obediently

Ps 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will advise you with My eye upon you.

Job 23:12 I have not gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have treasured up the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.

Ps 119 What does the Scripture say about scripture?

- Circle the word for the scripture, underline the action

*****Not just for us!**

*Is 50:4-5 The Lord God has given Me the tongue of disciples,
That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word.*

He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.

⁵ The Lord God has opened My ear; And I was not disobedient, Nor did I turn back.

Hindrances:

Sin separates us!

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10If we say we have not sinned, we make Him out to be a liar, and His word is not in us.

Finding the time...

Accountability groups

Journaling:

Circle important words

Highlight for easy reference

Fold down page to remember forever

Write on 3x5, take picture, print out, post around home, write on mirror

Goal for each one of you:

Develop quiet time

Read God's word, the whole counsel

Hear God's voice

Be obedient to what you learn

Experience a victorious life with Christ