

FEEDING MYSELF FROM GOD'S WORD

Growing Deep – Part 1

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Ephesians 4: 14

“You have been Christians a long time now, and you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you still need someone to teach you... You are like babies who drink only milk and cannot eat solid food.”

Hebrews 5:12 (NLT)

1. I MUST ACCEPT IT'S AUTHORITY.

“We thank God continually because, when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it, not as the word of men, but actually as it is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.” I Thessalonians 2:13 (NIV)

Unreliable “Authorities”

- **CULTURE Exodus 23:2**
- **TRADITION Mark 7:8**
- **REASON Prov. 16:25**
- **EMOTION Judges 21:25**

“Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful in one way or another—showing us the truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.”
II Timothy 3:16-17 (Mess)

2. I MUST LEARN TO STUDY THE WORD.

“Search the scriptures; for in them you have eternal life; and they are they which testify of Me.” John 5:39 (KJV)

“Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that is not ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.”
II Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

- The difference between reading & studying the Bible is you take notes.
- The key to Bible study is: asking questions.

THE DEVOTIONAL METHOD OF BIBLE STUDY

STEP 1: PRAY

*“Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in Your law.”
Psalm 119:18 (NIV)*

STEP 2: MEDITATION

“Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight in to all this.” II Timothy 2:7 (NIV)

STEP 3: APPLICATION

*“Once you know these things you’ll be blessed if you do them.”
John 13:17 (NIV)*

STEP 4: MEMORIZATION

“Remember what Christ taught and let His Word enrich your lives and make you wise...” Colossians 3:16 (LB)

“I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You.” Psalm 119:11 (NIV)