

# BIBLE BASICS 2 TIM.3:15-17

What should we know and do?

## 1. Read it! (or at least listen to it!)

**Revelation 1:3** Blessed is **he** that readeth, and **they** that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

**1 Thessalonians 5:27** I charge you by the Lord that this epistle **be read** unto all the holy brethren.

**Colossians 4:16** And when this epistle **is read** among you, **cause that it be read also** in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye **likewise read** the epistle from Laodicea.

**Acts 13:14** But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down. **Acts 13:15** And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

**Luke 4:16** And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, **and stood up for to read.** **Luke 4:17** And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, **Luke 4:18** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, **Luke 4:19** To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. **Luke 4:20** And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. **Luke 4:21** And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

## 2. Read it again!

We will never get it all, but we get more as we read more.

Deuteronomy = second giving of the law

I & II Samuel = I Chronicles

I & II Kings = II Chronicles

## 3. Read it in multiple...

A. Languages:

B. Translations:

|                   |                 |                  |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| KJV               | NKJV            | ESV              |
| NASB              | NIV             |                  |
| For Fun: Wycliffe | For Fun: Geneva | For Fun: Tyndale |

## C. Original languages:

How does this help us?

This will force you to:

Think

Ask questions

Slow down

Not just check off boxes

## 4. Read it in large / larger sections!

Verses are helpful to locate things! (think a Kindle) However, this is not always the case when reading.

Bad preaching does this also – it can randomize Scripture – used **only** to prove you are right!

**Isaiah 52:13** Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

**Isaiah 52:14** As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

**Isaiah 52:15** So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

**Isaiah 53:1** Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

**Isaiah 53:2** For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

**Isaiah 53:3** He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

**Isaiah 53:4** Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

**Isaiah 53:5** But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

**Isaiah 53:6** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**Isaiah 53:7** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

**Isaiah 53:8** He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

**Isaiah 53:9** And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

**Isaiah 53:10** Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.

**Isaiah 53:11** He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

**Isaiah 53:12** Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**1 Corinthians 11:1** Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

**1 Corinthians 11:2** Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.

**Colossians 4:1** Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

This should be obvious:

Genesis:

Genesis:

Judges

Judges

Judges

Ruth

**Almost every Psalm demands this!**

**The Psalms (usually) must be read as a whole since that is the whole message from God!**

**So not only: what God said**

**But also: how God said it**

Danger – favorite verse theology!

**Genesis 31:46** And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made an heap: and they did eat there upon the heap. **Genesis 31:47** And Laban called it **Jegarsahadutha**: but Jacob called it **Galeed**. **Genesis 31:48** And Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed; **Genesis 31:49** And Mizpah; for he said,

**The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another.**

**Genesis 31:50** If thou shalt afflict my daughters, or if thou shalt take other wives beside my daughters, no man is with us; **see, God is witness betwixt me and thee.** **Genesis 31:51** And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold this pillar, which I have cast betwixt me and thee; **Genesis 31:52** This heap be witness, and this pillar be witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee,

and that thou shalt not pass over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm. **Genesis 31:53** The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge betwixt us. And Jacob sware by the fear of his father Isaac.

**Genesis 42-44???**

## **5. Read it in multiple settings and at multiple times!**

**Psalm 1:2** But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate **day and night**. **Psalm 1:3** And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

**Genesis 24:63** And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming.

**Psalm 55:16** As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me. **Psalm 55:17** Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

**Psalm 119:92** Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

**Psalm 119:164** Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.

**Daniel 6:4** Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; **but** they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. **Daniel 6:5** Then said these men, **We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God.** **Daniel 6:10** Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

### **Thoughts:**

- **You need a place(s)**
- **A place good for you**
- **A time to use that place**
- **Your best time**
- **Your best place**
- **A time & place that's easy to access but that is worth accessing!**
- **The time doesn't have to be long**
- **The place needs your form of privacy**
- **Probably more than one place**

**Proverbs 6:20** My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: **Proverbs 6:21** Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. **Proverbs 6:22** When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. **Proverbs 6:23** For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

## **6. Don't just read it – pray as you read and pray in response to what you read!**

We obviously do not have direct access to the Lord. We can come boldly to the Throne of Grace!

**Psalm 119:18** Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

**Deuteronomy 3:23** And I besought the LORD at that time, saying, **Deuteronomy 3:24** O Lord GOD, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might? **Deuteronomy 3:25** I pray thee, let me go over, and see the good land that is beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon. **Deuteronomy 3:26** But the LORD was wroth with me for your sakes, and would not hear me: and the LORD said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter. **Deuteronomy 3:27** Get thee up into the top of Pisgah, and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold it with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan. **Deuteronomy 3:28** But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see. **Deuteronomy 3:29** So we abode in the valley over against Bethpeor.

**2 Corinthians 12:7** And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. **2 Corinthians 12:8** For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. **2 Corinthians 12:9** And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. **2 Corinthians 12:10** Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

## 7. **From your reading...study!**

This will happen quite naturally

**Something grabs your attention**

**Somethings kindles your interest**

**Something deepens your understanding**

**Something meets your needs**

**Something conflicts with your previous understanding**

Deut. 7:1-5 → Mt. 7:12

**Something questions your answers**

Mt. 24:13

**Something opens your vista**

Psalm 37

Psalm 49

Psalm 73

## Something **calms** your heart

Psalm 23

Psalm 37

Psalm 46

Phil. 1:12-19

Rom. 8:18; 8:28-30, 2 Cor. 4:17-18

## Something **reveals** your & my reality

3 John

It is at this point we **begin** to really study!

**Structure:**

**Questions:**

**Difficulties:**

**Cross references:**

**Doctrines:**

**Implications:**

**Applications:**

**Connections:**

## 8. **From your reading and studying...meditate!**

**Joshua 1:8** This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

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**“What digestion is to the body meditation is to the soul.”**

- **Meditation ≠ memorization**
- **Meditations requires memorization**
- **Meditation is rumination – chewing on it!**
- **Meditation is talking to yourself about the Scripture**
- **Meditation is deliberate / chosen**

**Psalm 1:2** But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

**Psalm 2:1** Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

**Psalm 77:11** I will **remember** the works of the LORD: surely I will **remember** thy wonders of old. **Psalm 77:12** I will **meditate** also of all thy work, and **talk** of thy doings.

**Psalm 143:5** I **remember** the days of old; I **meditate** on all thy works; I **muse** on the work of thy hands.

**1 Timothy 4:15** Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; **that** thy profiting may appear to all.

- **Meditation is the joy & delight of life!**
- **Meditate on your favorite verses about....**
- **This will keep your meditation in context!!!**

**Philippians 4:10** But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. **Philippians 4:11** Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. **Philippians 4:12** I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

**Philippians 4:13** I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

**Philippians 4:14** Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction. **Philippians 4:15** Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. **Philippians 4:16** For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. **Philippians 4:17** Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. **Philippians 4:18** But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God. **Philippians 4:19** But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

**John 4:35** Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; **for they are white already to harvest.**

**John 4:36** And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. **John 4:37** And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. **John 4:38** I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

## 9. **To your reading, studying, meditating...add good books!**

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| Concordance                | Treasury of Scripture Knowledge (cross references) | Good dictionaries |
| Studies in specific topics | Commentaries                                       | Systematics       |
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## 10. **Obey...what you read, study, & meditate on!**

**Psalm 119:60** I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

**John 13:17** If ye know these things, **happy** are ye if ye do them.

**John 14:15** If ye love me, **keep** my commandments.

**John 14:21** He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

**John 14:23** Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

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