

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE?

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.

1. Set aside time everyday to read the bible
2. Pray before you start:
 - a. Heavenly Father, thank you for giving me your words in the bible. As I read, I ask You through Your Holy Spirit to guide me in understanding your word and what you want me to know. Speak to my heart – and I will obey You. IN Jesus Name.
3. Start with the gospel of John:
 - a. As you read ask the following Questions:
 - Who is speaking?
 - What is he speaking about?
 - Why is he talking about the topic?
 - What is the truth I must learn from this passage?
 - Is there a promise I can claim?
 - Is there a commandment to obey?
 - Is there a warning to heed?
 - Is there a principle to follow?
 - How do I apply this truth to my life?
 - b. Strive to obey the bible
 - c. Pray for strength to do it
 - d. Ask God for love for Him, for the people as you do it
4. Thank GOD for the truths that you learn

HOW TO PRAY?

Prayer is communication with GOD.

Ephesians 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

Mt 6:9 ¶ After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.	Acknowledgement – “ Dear Heavenly Father, I know you are my God and my Saviour and that you are Holy “
Mt 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.	Submission – “ Lord, whatever you tell me and I am willing to submit to , with my heart.”
Mt 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.	Petition – “ Lord you know the needs that I have - list them for Him”
Mt 6:12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.	Confession – “ Lord I am truly sorry for List the sin – be specific”
Mt 6:13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.	Petition – “ Lord protect me from _____ and help me to stay away from _____”
Mt 6:14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:	Clean heart – Lord will not hold any grudge against anyone – my wife, my children, my helper, my friends.

Practical sequence:

- Acknowledgement
- Confession of sin
- Submission to GOD
- Petition for others first and then self
- Thanksgiving

Always end off in Jesus’ Name(**John 16:24** Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.)... Amen (so let it be)