



Bible Study Methods

Lesson Seven

Review: Application

"The Bible redirects my will, cleanses my emotions, enlightens my mind, and quickens my total being." -- E. Stanley Jones

"The New Testament holds up a strong light by which a man can read even the small print of his soul." --John Hutton

"Too often we come to God's Word to study it, to teach it, to preach it, to outline it--everything in the world with it except to be changed by it." -- Howard Hendricks

Application



How Does It Work?

I. A Key Passage: Hearers & Doers

James 1:22-25

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does.

Hearer Only

Hearer-Doer



THE MIRROR HELPS YOU SEE YOURSELF AS YOU REALLY ARE.

II. Application: Hearers become Doers

Application Principles:

After careful observation and interpretation state key principles arising out of the passage. Polish and personalize them.

- Exs. [1] Do I drink deeply in the Fountain of Truth or merely gargle?
- [2] There is no blessing without Obedience!
- [3] Neglecting God's Word will make me anemic... Failure to apply God's Word will make me bulimic.
- [4] The Bible was not designed to be a Course for "Auditors."
- [5] Satan doesn't mind my knowing the Bible so long as I avoid applying it.

Application Spheres:

Prayerfully brainstorm how these principles might relate to...

My Relationship with **God**...

My Relationship with **Self**...

My Relationship with **Satan**...

My Relationship with **Family**...

My Relationship with **Church**...

My Relationship with **Non-Believers**...

Application Reminders:

- ❖ Don't substitute Interpretation for Application.
- ❖ Don't substitute Superficial Change for Substantial Life Change.
- ❖ Don't substitute Rationalization for Repentance.
- ❖ Don't substitute Emotional Experience for Volitional Decision.

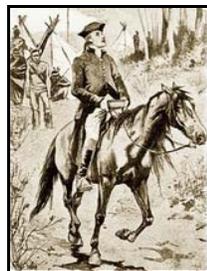
Application Journal:

One effective way to document the principles you discover and your implementation of these truths in your life is to keep a journal. Use a style that fits you. It can include:

Memory Verse [s]:

Specific Resolves:

Evaluative Reflection:



Between 1742 and his death in 1747 David Brainerd took the gospel to the North American Indians of New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

He willingly ran any risk and accepted any hardship to fulfill his calling as a missionary. His Journal was later published by Jonathan Edwards.

http://www.ntslibrary.com/brainerd_journal.pdf