

Lesson 1:

Who Can Study the Bible?

Effective Bible Study

2 Timothy 2:15

Read It, Explain It, Apply It

I. The Power of the Bible

A. What is the Bible like?

1. The Bible is **Infallible** (Psa. 19:7).
2. The Bible is **Inerrant** (Prov. 30:5-6).
3. The Bible is **Complete** (Rev. 22:18-19).
4. The Bible is **Authoritative** (Isa. 1:2; John 8:30-31).
5. The Bible is **Sufficient** (2 Tim. 3:15-17; James 1:21b, 25).
6. The Bible is **Effective** (Isa. 55:11; 1 The. 1:5).
7. The Bible is **Determinative** (John 8:47; 12:48).

B. Why should I study the Bible?

1. It is the source of **TRUTH** (John 17:17). *Every time we pick up the Bible we pick up the truth!*
2. It is the source of **HAPPINESS** (Psa. 19:8; Luke 11:28). *The joy comes from obeying the word.*
3. It is the source of **VICTORY** (Psa. 119:11; Eph. 6:17). *Only the word can prevent us from sin.*
4. It is the source of **GROWTH** (1 Pet. 2:1-2; 2 Pet. 3:18). *Study is the only way to spiritually grow.*
5. It is the source of **POWER** (Heb. 4:12; Rom. 1:16; 2 Tim. 1:7-8). *God's power is available to us!*
6. It is the source of **GUIDANCE** (Psa. 119:105). *God's will is easy to find; it's right in His book!*

C. How Should I Respond to the Bible?

1. Believe it (Rom. 10:17; cf. John 6:67-69).
2. Honor it (cf. Job 23:12; Psa. 138:2).
3. Love it (Psa. 119:97; 19:7-10).
4. Obey it (1 John 2:5; John 14:15; 15:14).
5. Fight for it (Jude 3).
6. Preach it (2 Tim. 4:2; Mark 16:15-16).
7. Study it (2 Tim. 2:15).

II. Who Can Study the Bible?

A. First, one must **KNOW** the word (Hosea 4:1-6; Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 4:23).

B. Then, one must **LIVE** the word (1 John 5:3). *You never really know something until you live it.*

C. Who can study the Bible and actually get something out of it? Those who ...

1. ... Are _____ (1 Cor. 2:9, 14; cf. John 8:44-45).
2. ... Are _____ (Acts 17:10-12; 2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Tim. 5:17).
3. ... Have a great _____ (1 Pet. 2:2; Mat. 5:6; cf. Psa. 119:172).
4. ... Are _____ (1 Pet. 2:1; James 1:21).
5. ... Are _____ (Eph. 1:15-18).

D. If you are not the right *who* in studying the Bible, then the *how* will not matter!

Write next week's assignment below to help you remember it.