

WELCOME TO DISCOVERING SPIRITUAL MATURITY PART TWO

1 Timothy 4:7 (ESV)

Rather train yourself for godliness;

FOUR HABITS OF A DISCIPLE

1. TIME WITH SCRIPTURE
2. PRAYER
3. GIVING/DOING GOOD
4. FELLOWSHIP

HABITS

"Sow a thought, reap an act.
Sow an act, reap a habit.
Sow a habit, reap a character.
Sow a character, reap a destiny."

HOW TO GET A "GRASP" ON THE BIBLE

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV)

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

SIX WAYS TO GET A “GRASP” ON YOUR BIBLE

The Hand Illustration

On this page trace an outline of your own hand!

I. HOW TO HEAR A WORD OF GOD

Romans 10:17 (ESV) So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR HEARING

1. Be _____ and _____ to hear God.
Luke 8:18 (ESV) Take care then how you hear,

Psalms 119:103 (ESV) How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

2. _____ insights, questions, directions, etc.

Keep a Spiritual Notebook

3. _____ on what you hear!

James 1:22–25 (ESV)

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

II. HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

1. Read it _____
2. Read it in different _____

WORTHY TRANSLATIONS

WORD FOR WORD FORMAL EQUIVALENCE

New American Standard Version (NASB)
English Standard Version (ESV)
New English Translation (on line only) (NET)
King James Version (KJV)
New King James Version (NKJV)

THOUGHT FOR THOUGHT DYNAMIC EQUIVALENCE

Christian Standard Bible (CSB)
New International Version (NIV)
New Living Translation (NLT)
God's Word Translation (GWT)
Amplified Bible (AMP)

PARAPHRASE

The Message (MSG)
Good News Translation (GNT)
New International Readers Version
Contemporary English Version (CEV)

3. Read it _____ quietly to yourself.
4. _____ or color code key verses.
5. Choose a reading _____ and stick with it.

If I read approximately _____ minutes a day, I can read through the Bible once a year.

**A BIBLE READING PLAN
THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 30
DAYS**

1. Matthew 1-9
2. Matthew 10-15
3. Matthew 16-22
4. Matthew 23-28
5. Mark 1-8
6. Mark 9-16
7. Luke 1-6
8. Luke 7-11
9. Luke 12-18
10. Luke 19-24
11. John 1-7
12. John 8-13
13. John 14-22
14. Acts 1-7
15. Acts 8-14
16. Acts 15-21
17. Acts 22-28
18. Romans 1-8
19. Romans 9-16
20. 1 Corinthians 1-9
21. 1 Corinthians 10-16
22. 2 Corinthians 1-13
23. Galatians - Ephesians
24. Philippians - 2 Thessalonians
25. 1 Timothy - Philemon
26. Hebrews
27. James - 2 Peter
28. 1 John - 3 John
29. Revelation 1-11
30. Revelation 12-22

III. HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

Acts 17:11 (ESV)

11 Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

2 Timothy 2:15 (ESV) *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth*

The difference between reading and studying the Bible is that you use a _____

The secret of effective Bible study is knowing how to _____ the right _____.

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SOME GOOD RESOURCES FOR BIBLE STUDY

The 6 Best Bible Software Programs of 2021

Best Overall: Logos Bible Software

Best Budget: Olive Tree Bible Software

Best Free: E-Sword

Best for Mac Users: Accordance Bible Software

Best Mobile: Laridian PocketBible

Best Audio: Daily Audio Bible

Study Bibles:

"The NIV Study Bible" (Zondervan)

"The Life Application Bible" (Tyndale)

Bible Handbooks:

"Halley's Bible Handbook" (Zondervan)

Bible Overview

The Complete Guide to the Bible

Strongs Exhaustive Concordance

Bible Atlas