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**The Bottom Line:**

**Founded Disciples Grow**

**In The Soil Of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**The Big Four Focus:**

**Habit One:**Daily Time in God’s Word

**Habit Two:**Prayer—Talking with God

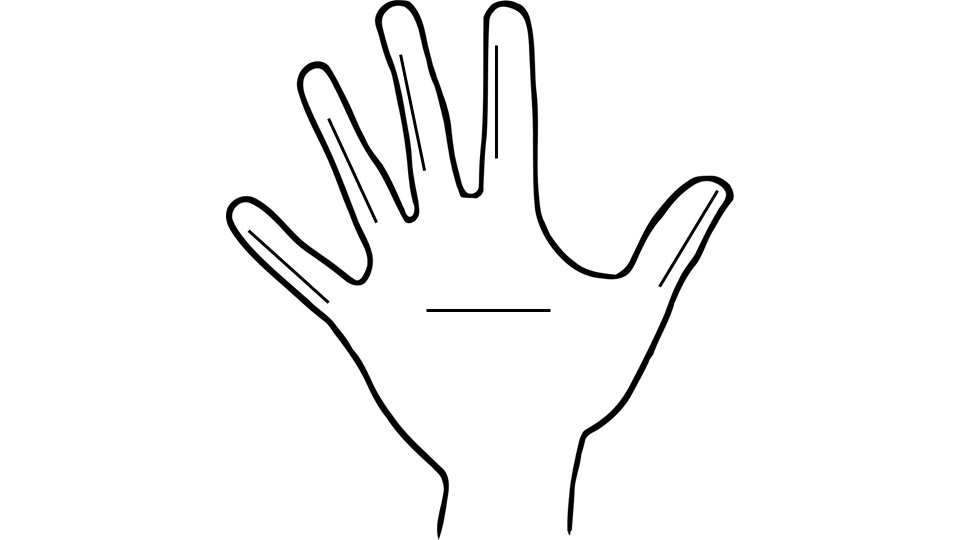
**Habit Three:**Tithing—Giving Back to God

**Habit Four:**Fellowship—Enjoying God's Family

**1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ By God’s Word**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17(NKJV)**

*16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

**2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ In God’s Word**

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**Romans 10:17(NKJV)**

*17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

­**• Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and eager to hear:**

**Matthew 11:15 (NKJV)**

*15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!*

**• Deal with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that prevent hearing:**

**• Confess any \_\_\_\_\_\_ in your life:**

**James 1:21 (NLT)**

*21 So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in*

*your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.*

**• Take \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on what you hear**

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**James 1:22 (NLT)**

*22 But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling*

*yourselves.*

**2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_)**

How often should I read the Word of God? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**3. Study God’s Word (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_)**

**Acts 17:11 (NLT)**

*11 And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul’s message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth.*

**4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word**

**Why should I memorize God’s Word?**

**• It helps me resist temptation:**

**Psalm 119:11 (NLT)**

*11 I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.*

**• It helps me make wise decisions:**

**Psalm 119:105(NLT**)

*105 Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.*

**• It brings comfort**

**Jeremiah 15:16a(NLT)**

*16 When I discovered your words, I devoured them. They are my joy and my heart’s delight,*

**• It Helps me share my faith with unbelievers**

**1 Peter 3:15b(NLT)**

*And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it.*

**5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on God’s Word**

**Psalm 1:2–3 (NLT)**

*2 But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. 3 They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.*

Meditation is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about a Bible verse that speaks to you, in order to apply its truth in your own life.

**Benefits of meditating on God’s word:**

**• It is the key to becoming like Christ:**

**Romans 12:1–2 (NLT)**

*1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has*

*done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the*

*way to worship him. 2 Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you*

*into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which*

*is good and pleasing and perfect.*

**• It is the key to answered prayer:**

**John 15:7 (NLT**)

*7 But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will*

*be granted!*

**• It is the key to successful living:**

**Joshua 1:8 (NLT)**

*8 Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.*

**6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word**

**James 1:22 (NLT)**

*22 But don’t just listen to God’s word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.*

**Tips For Solid Application:**

Look for the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**First question:**What did it mean to the original hearers?

**Second Question:**What is the underlying unchanging principle?

**Third Question:** Where or how could I practice that principle?

**Characteristics of Solid Application:**

**1. It’s Personal:** It’s not you, we, or them, it’s “I”

**2. It’s Practical:** What can I do that I need to trust God for

**3. It’s Possible:** My possible opens me up to God’s possible

**4. It’s Provable:** Set goals related to your application

**Tips For Bible Memorization**

**WHEN TO MEMORIZE A VERSE**

**• During your quiet time**

**• While exercising**

**• While waiting (spare moments)**

**• At bedtime (Psalm 63:6)**

**TIPS FOR MEMORIZING A VERSE**

**1. Pick a verse that speaks to you.**

**2. Say the reference before and after the verse.**

**3. Read the verse aloud many times. Record it!**

If you say it aloud many times, you learn through the ear, not through the eye. Remember that: You learn through the ear, not only through the eye. Read the verse aloud many times.

**4. Break the verse into natural phrases.**

**5. Emphasize key words when quoting the verse.**

**6. Write down the verse and erase a word at a time.**

Write the verse down and scratch out a word; read it again. Scratch out another word, read it again. Scratch out another word, read it again. You can do this with your children.

**7. Write out the verse on a flash card.**

**8. Carry cards with you at all times for review.**

You can turn times of waiting into times of memorizing.

**9. Display your verses in prominent places.**

**10. Always memorize the verse word-perfect.**

In other words, don’t mess it up and then find yourself saying, “Well, it’s kind of like this.” Memorize it word for word.

**11. Put the verse to music. Write a song!**

**12. Get a partner so you can check each other**

**13. Start by trying to memorize two verses per week.**

**14. Three keys to memorizing: REVIEW, REVIEW, REVIEW**

**Scripture Memory Course:**

The following verses suggest a “balance” in Scripture memory. The verses selected are key in understanding the foundations of the Christian life and growth. Do not feel tied down to this suggested list. This is only a tool to lead you in an understanding of the importance of memorizing “key” verses.

**Living The New Life In Christ**

**Christ the Center 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20**

**Obedience to Christ Romans 12:1; John 14:21**

**The Word 2 Timothy 3:16; Joshua 1:8**

**Prayer John 15:7; Philippians 4:6–7**

**Fellowship Matthew 18:20; Hebrews 10:24**

**Witnessing Matthew 4:19; Romans 1:16**

**Sharing Your Faith:**

**All Have Sinned Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6**

**Sin’s Penalty Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27**

**Christ Paid the Penalty Romans 5:8; 1 Peter 3:18**

**Salvation Not by Works Ephesians 2:8–9; Titus 3:5**

**Must Receive Christ John 1:12; Revelation 3:20**

**Assurance of Salvation 1 John 5:13; John 5:24**

**Relying on God’s resources:**

**His Spirit 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 2:12**

**His Strength Isaiah 41:10; Philippians 4:13**

**His Faithfulness Lamentations 3:22; Numbers 23:19**

**His Peace Isaiah 26:3; 1 Peter 5:7**

**His Provision Romans 8:32; Philippians 4:19**

**His Help in Temptation Hebrews 2:18; Psalm 119:9**

**Growing In Discipleship:**

**Put Christ First Matthew 6:33; Luke 9:23**

**Separate from the World 1 John 2:15–16; Romans 12:2**

**Be Steadfast 1 Corinthians 15:58; Hebrews 12:3**

**Serve Others Mark 10:45; 2 Corinthians 4:5**

**Give Generously Proverbs 3:9–10; 2 Corinthians 9:6–7**

**Develop World Vision Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19–20**

**Six ways to meditate on the Word of God**

**Picture it:** Visualize the scene in your mind.

**Pronounce it:** Say the verse aloud, each time emphasizing a different word.

**Paraphrase it:** Rewrite the verse in your own words.

**Personalize it:** Replace the pronouns or people in the verse with your name.

**Pray it:** Turn the verse into a prayer and say it back to God.

**Probe it:** Ask yourself the application questions below.

**Let’s just go through these again really quick.**

**Picture it:** Visualize the scene in your mind. If it’s a story, visualize what it would be like to be there. What it would be like to feel that. Think of the wind, think of the atmosphere, think of how you would feel being in that situation with Jesus, with some other character in Scripture.

**Pronounce it:** Say the verse aloud, each time emphasizing a different word. For instance, if you take the phrase “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,” you say, “I CAN do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Then you say it again: “I can DO all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Each time you say it, pronouncing a different word, emphasizing it differently, you get a little bit different emphasis on the verse.

**Paraphrase it:** That is you rewrite the verse in your own words. Kenneth Taylor was a man who took the New Testament and rewrote it in his own words, paraphrased it in modern English, and we got The Living Bible that way.

**Personalize it:** One of the ways you personalize it is to put your name—for instance, “For God so loved (YOUR NAME) that he gave his only begotten son, that if (YOUR NAME) would believe in him (YOUR NAME) would not perish, but (YOUR NAME) would have eternal life.” Personalize it and make it real in your life.

**Pray it:** Turn the verse into a prayer and pray it back to God.

**Probe it:** How do you probe it? Well, you ask questions. One of the secrets of good Bible study is asking questions. You can use this acrostic: APPLICATIONS: 12 Different Questions.

**Is there any . . .**

**A**ttitude to adjust?

**P**romise to claim?

**P**riority to change?

**L**esson to learn?

**I**ssue to resolve?

**C**ommand to obey?

**A**ctivity to avoid or stop?

**T**ruth to believe?

**I**dol to tear down?

**O**ffense to forgive?

**N**ew direction to take?

**S**in to confess?

**You ask yourself these questions based on the passage you are reading.**

Write these questions inside the cover of your Bible, , so anytime, anywhere you’ve got your Bible with you, you can open to that page and remember these meditation questions.