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As a pastor, I hear the same excuse on a regular basis. "I just don't have time to read the Bible, much less study it." If that's you...

**YOU'RE RIGHT! YOU DON'T HAVE TIME!**

As in, we're just about out of time. We are rushing headlong toward the end of this age and time is definitely not on our side. We cannot afford to waste another second not understanding what God's Word has to say to us.

**"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."**

- Ephesians 5:16 KJV

Aren't you tired of not comprehending the Bible? Do you ever read only to realize you can't remember what you've read? I know the feeling well.

After 20+ years in pastoral ministry, I've worked to equip people just like you to become more confident and capable in their Christian service.

**"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."**

- 2 Timothy 2:15

Here you will find **4 SIMPLE TIPS** to help you get more out of the most incredible book ever written.

I've broken them down into **2 PRINCIPLES** and **2 PRACTICES** that you can use *immediately* to begin understanding and applying God's Word. Let's take a look.

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## 2 PRINCIPLES

### 1 THE BIBLE IS A BOOK ABOUT JESUS!



That may seem too simplistic, but it's the most misunderstood principle concerning God's Word. As a matter of fact, the Word IS Jesus!

#### EXAMPLES:

John 1:1-3, 14

Colossians 1:15-19

Ephesians 3:9

Read the Bible with one question on your mind, "What does this have to do with Jesus?" The answer will not always be immediately apparent, but the more you ask it, the more it will become evident.

### 2 THERE'S ONE PLAN FOR MY LIFE: BECOME LIKE JESUS



The Bible teaches one primary plan for my life - "be conformed" to the image of Jesus. That's what God originally intended for mankind.

#### EXAMPLES:

Romans 8:28-29

Genesis 1:26-27

God's Word is continually working to conform me to Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

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## 2 PRACTICES

### 1 WRITE EVERY TIME YOU READ



Every time you open your Bible, *write something*. It's that simple. I have found this to be the most effective practice for remembering and recalling Scripture.

I recommend writing a verse or verses that stand out to you. I will usually write the verse, then add a simple thought or two. I have found that many times The Lord will use one of those passages for someone or something I encounter later on.

### 2 NOTICE REPEATING WORDS OR PHRASES



The Bible itself even teaches this as a principle.

Matthew 18:16 KJV

“...that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.”

EXAMPLES:

Ephesians 1:3, 20

Ephesians 2:6

Ephesians 3:10

Ephesians 6:12

In these references, notice the words “heavenly places” or “high places”

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## BONUS TIP:

None of this is possible  
without the Holy Spirit

Ask the Holy Spirit to open your heart and mind to the truth. Allow Him to shine the light of Christ upon the words you read.

John 14:17 KJV

**17 [Even] the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.**

John 15:26 KJV

**26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, [even] the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:**

John 16:13 KJV

**13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, [that] shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.**

**YOU CAN COMPREHEND THE BIBLE!**



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