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**PALESTINE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

**A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENT**

**SPRIRTUAL DISCIPLINES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH**

**TOPIC: BIBLE APPLICATION**

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**Teaching Aim**: To HIGHLIGHT the importance of Bible Application in our Spiritual Growth; CHALLENGE us to embrace this discipline wholeheartedly; and COMMIT to practicing Bible Application daily in a way that strengthens our relationship with God and gives Him glory.

**LESSON OUTLINE**

1. **INTRODUCTION**
2. God’s will for us is to be doers of His Word: James 1:22-25
3. We will be blessed if we are doers: John 13:17
4. All Scripture is breathed out by God: II Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)
5. Applying the Bible is the duty of all Christians
6. Someone Said: We study the Bible to be wise, Believe it to be Safe, Practice it to be Holy.
7. **WHAT IS BIBLE APPLICATION?**

* The Response and action that follow our hearing God Word
* Two Parts:
  1. Our Internal Response
  2. Our External Action

1. Three (3) keys toward applying God’s Word
2. Reading it
3. Hiding it in our hearts
4. Obedient action
5. What do we need to Apply Scripture?
   * Two Things
     1. The Holy Spirit
     2. A Teachable Mind and Heart
6. Why do we need to apply the Bible to our lives?

* Grow in our faith and relationship with God.

1. **GOOD APPLICATION COMES FROM GOOD INTERPRETATION**
2. Example of commonly misinterpreted and wrongly applied Bible Verse
3. **FIVE (5) WAYS WE CAN APPLY SCRIPTURES TO OUR LIFE**
4. Believe what the Word says
5. Remember key truths from Scripture
6. Allow Scripture to expose sin
7. Pray about what we have read
8. Align our lives with what the Bible says
9. **THREE (3) APPLICATION PRINCIPLES FOR LIVING A LIFE THAT GOD BLESSES**
10. Put God before everything and everyone else
11. “Being” comes before “doing”
12. Lean on God!
13. In conclusion, properly applying the teaching of the Bible in our life is one of the most important things we can do as a Christian. James 1:22-25 explains why.

Also, applying the Bible in an ongoing challenge every Christian must face. However, it is essential for all Christians to constantly grow in understanding of biblical principles that apply to life issues.

1. As we ponder/reflect on the necessity of applying Biblical Principles in our spiritual growth, there are several questions we need to ask ourselves:
2. Am I living with the understanding that spiritual growth is a life-long process that depends on our study and application of God’s word and our walk in the Spirit?

II Timothy 3:16-17

1. Am I living with the understanding that those who use their Bibles “little” are really not much better than those who have no Bible at all?

Brother Gross.