

I know I can understand the Bible with clarity

Psalm 119:1-19 (November 17, 2024)

to keep Your statutes! **6** Then I would not be ashamed, when I look into all Your commandments. **7** I will praise You with uprightness of heart, when I learn Your righteous judgments. **8** I will keep Your statutes; oh, do not forsake me utterly! **9** How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. **10** With my whole heart I have sought You; oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! **11** Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You. **12** Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes. **13** With my lips I have declared all the judgments of Your mouth. **14** I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches. **15** I will meditate on Your precepts, and contemplate Your ways. **16** I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word. **17** Deal bountifully with Your servant, that I may live and keep Your word. **18** Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law. **19** I am a stranger in the earth; do not hide Your commandments from me.

HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE WITH CLARITY

I. APPRECIATE THE VIRTUES OF THE WORD OF GOD

1. The Bible Is Timeless.

Psalm 119:89 Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.
1 Peter 1:25 But the word of the LORD endures forever.

2. The Bible Is Truthful.

Psalm 119:142 Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your law is truth.
John 17:17 ...Your word is truth.

3. The Bible Is Treasured.

Psalm 119:72 The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of coins of gold and silver.

II. ASSIMILATE THE VITALITY OF THE WORD OF GOD

1. Pray over the Word of God.

Psalm 119:12 Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes.

Eyes will be opened: Psalm 119:18 Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law.”

Heart will be stirred: Psalm 119:36 Incline my heart to Your testimonies, and not to covetousness.

Mind will be enlightened: Psalm 119:73 Your hands have made me and fashioned me; give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.

2. Ponder the Word of God.

Psalm 119:15 I will meditate on Your precepts.

3. Preserve the Word of God.

Psalm 119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

Psalm 119:16 I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

4. Practice the Word of God.

Psalm 119:1–5 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart! They also do no iniquity; they walk in His ways. You have commanded us to keep Your precepts diligently. Oh, that my ways were directed to keep Your statutes!”

5. Proclaim the Word of God.

Psalm 119:13 With my lips I have declared all the judgments of Your mouth.

III. APPROPRIATE THE VALUES OF THE WORD OF GOD

1. A Source of Victory

Psalm 119:45 And I will walk at liberty, for I seek Your precepts.

2. A Source of Growth

Psalm 119:32 I will run the course of Your commandments, for You shall enlarge my heart.

3. A Source of Joy

Psalm 119:54 Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage.

4. A Source of Power

Psalm 119:28 My soul melts from heaviness; strengthen me according to Your word.

5. A Source of Guidance

Psalm 119:105 105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How much time per day do you typically spend in the Word of God? How does that commitment compare with the amount of time you spend on other daily activities and habits? Do you feel like you allow yourself adequate time to understand and learn from it each day?

2. What books, chapters, or sections of the Bible do you find particularly engaging and enriching to you? What is it exactly about those portions of Scripture that speaks to you so profoundly and personally?

3. What other areas of the Bible do you typically avoid in your reading and study? How might you open yourself to exploring an unfamiliar passage of Scripture, seeing how God could use it to speak to you in unexpected ways?

4. How does meditating on the Word of God differ from the more traditional, very mystical understanding of meditation that most people think of? How has mulling over a single Scripture verse throughout the day yielded new insights for you into what God is saying?

I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH.

- Membership 101
- Maturity 201
- Ministry 301
- Mission/Evangelism 401

OTHER CLASSES

- Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
- Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
- How to do daily Quiet Time with God

NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
- I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

ANY OTHER QUESTION? LET US KNOW, PLEASE.
