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INTRODUCTION

- *we need to revisit our basic understanding of the word of God*
- *We must settle the question of or what is the word of God?*
- *We can measure our love for God, by our love for his word*
- *Many Christians live with a frustrated relationship to bible reading.*

I. READING

- *The power of simply reading the Bible without a specific agenda.*
- *Allowing the word to filter and internet itself.*
- *Suggested bible reading plan:*
 - *Gospels and Acts*
 - *Epistles*
 - *Poetry and wisdom books*
 - *OT History*
 - *OT prophets.*

II. MEDITATION

Joshua 1:8-9

. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you[c] shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Rom 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

- *What it means to meditate*
- *Meditation is not the emptying of our mind, rather it is the filling of our mind with God's word.*
- *The word of God are the thoughts of God*
- *The discipline of taking a bible verse and thinking it over, allowing the Holy Spirit to use our imagination to paint a picture of that word.*

III. PROCLAMATION

- *The power of speaking out loud the word of God.*
- *Homologeo: To say what God says*
- *God's method of creation.*
- *Learning how Jesus ministered.*
- *Gen 2:7, “and man became a speaking spirit.”*

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IV. STUDY

2 Timothy 2:15

Study to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

- The discipline of study: Going on a journey of exploration and discovery.*
- How to study*
- Being with a subject or theme.*
- Give your self permission to brainstorm and wander*
- Using concordance, word studies & lexicons*
- Learning to make and keep notes*