

# Fundamentals of the Faith

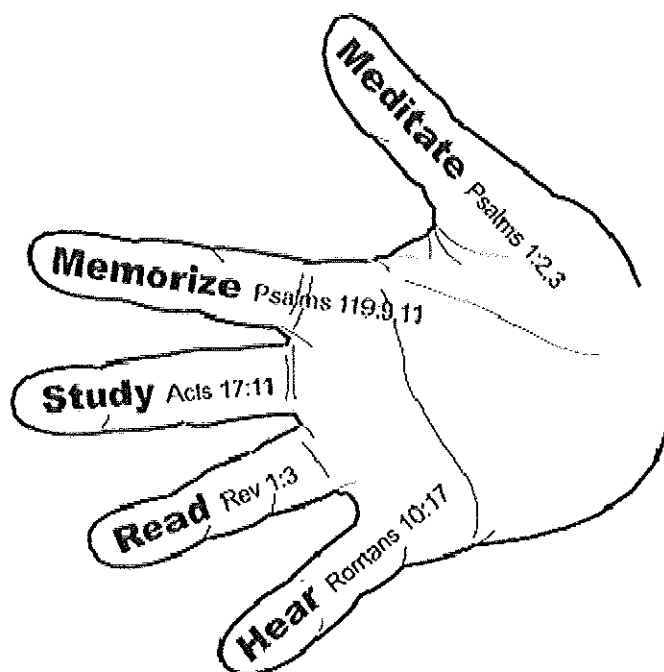
## Lesson Two: How to Know the Bible

2 Timothy 2:15 (Today's New International Version) -- *“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”*

- What does it mean to, “correctly handle the word of truth”? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- What reasons do the following five verses give for knowing God’s Word?
  1. 2 Tim. 2:15 **\_APPROVED BY GOD, A WORKER, NOT ASHAMED\_**
  2. 1 Peter 2:2 **\_TO BE ABLE TO GROW\_**
  3. Psalm 119:11 **\_THAT I MAY NOT SIN\_**
  4. Psalm 119:38 **\_TO BE DEVOTED TO FEAR GOD\_**
  5. Psalm 119:105 **\_THAT I MAY KNOW THE DIRECTION TO GO\_**
- The “how” of learning and applying the Scripture (the word of truth) to life is something every Christian should know. Let’s consider our hand as it would hold the Bible. To hold it securely (correctly handle) we must use all four fingers and our thumb. Our five fingers represent five ways or methods of learning Scripture.
  1. Our little finger represents **\_HEARING GOD’S WORD\_**. (Romans 10:17)
  2. Our ring finger represents **\_READING GOD’S WORD\_**. (Rev. 1:3)
  3. Our middle finger represents **\_STUDYING GOD’S WORD\_**. (Acts 17:11)  
(Bible study is more than just reading the Bible; it involves careful **\_OBSERVATION\_**, **\_INTERPRETATION\_**, and **\_APPLICATION\_**. Reading gives you the overall picture, but study helps you think, learn, and apply what you read to your life.)
  4. Our index finger represents **\_MEMORIZIN GOD’S WORD\_**. (Ps 119: 9–11)  
(Why is it important to memorize Scripture? What do you think is the best way to memorize something? It is easier to memorize with a purpose. Understanding the meaning or application of the passage will make memorization easier.)  
Five Assurance verses every Christian should know:
    - Assurance of Salvation: 1 John 5: 11-13
    - Assurance of Answered Prayer: John 16:24
    - Assurance of Victory: 1 Corinthians 10:13
    - Assurance of Forgiveness: 1 John 1:9
    - Assurance of Guidance: Proverbs 3:5-6

5. Our thumb represents **MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD**. (Ps 1: 2-3)  
(What does it mean to “meditate on God’s Word”? Meditation is prayerful reflection on Scripture with a view toward understanding and application. Meditation on Scripture can be done as you: (a) hear the Word preached, (b) read the Bible, (c) pray about what you are studying, and (d) reflect on the verses you have memorized.)

- According to Joshua 1:8 how does meditation assist you? **IT HELPS ME TO DO WHAT IT SAYS, I WILL BE PROSPEROUS AND I WILL HAVE GOOD SUCCESS**.
- Besides being diligent in learning God’s Word, what else should we do in order to understand it (Psalm 119: 73, 125)? **ASK GOD TO GIVE US UNDERSTANDING**.



### **LIVE THE NEW LIFE**

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 10:24,25
Witnessing	Matthew 4:19	Romans 1:16

### **PROCLAIM CHRIST**

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 is 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

### **RELY 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 3:22,23	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	Psalms 119:9,11

### **BE CHRIST'S DISCIPLE**

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

### **GROW IN CHRISTLIKENESS**

Love	John 13:34,35	1 John 3:18
Humility	Philippians 2:3,4	1 Peter 5:5,6
Purity	Ephesians 5:3	1 Peter 2:11
Honesty	Leviticus 19:11	Acts 24:16
Faith	Hebrews 11:6	Romans 4:20,21
Good Works	Galatians 6:9,10	Matthew 5:16