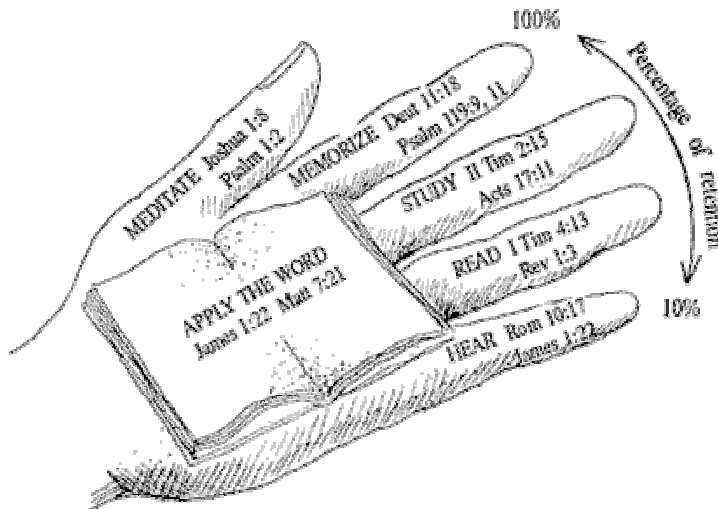


THE WORD OF GOD

1. Why do we use the Bible as our basis for the Christian life? -- **2 Timothy 3:16,17; 2 Peter 1:20,21**
2. For the Christian, the Bible is:
 - 2.1 The eternal and enduring word of God.
 - A. It has its source in God through the Holy Spirit -- **2 Pet 1:20,21**
 - B. It stands forever -- **1 Pet 1:23-25**
 - 2.2 Spiritual food -- **Jer 15:16; Matt 4:4;**
 - A. Our physical being needs food, our souls are nourished with studies, and our spirits require the nourishment provided by the word of God -- **Heb 5:12-14.**
 - B. The word (milk) is to be desired and craved -- **1 Pet: 1:25 - 2:2**
 - 2.3 Our vital weapon -- **Eph 6: 12-17**
 - A. It was Jesus' defense against Satan -- **Mt 4:4,7,10**
 - B. It is the sword of the Spirit -- **Eph 6:17**
 - C. It works powerfully in human lives -- **Heb 4:12**
 - 2.4 Light for our way--**Psalm 119:105**
 - A. It shows us how to approach God:
 1. Through Jesus for salvation -- **Jn 14:6**
 2. Confidently through Jesus our high priest -- **Heb 4:14;16**
 3. In the name of Jesus when we pray -- **Jn 14: 13,14**
 - B. It shows us God's desires and purposes:
 1. The evangelistic mandate (Great Commission) -- **Jn 3:16; Mt 28:18-20**
 2. The cultural mandate - care for all of creation -- **Gen 1:26**
(see p. 27 for the implications of Gen 1:26.)
 3. The law of love -- **Mt 5:43-47; Jn 13:34,35; 1 Cor 13:4-8**
3. What the Bible does for the Christian:
 - 3.1 Discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart -- **Heb 4:12**
 - 3.2 Protects from sin -- **Psalm 119:11** (It is necessary to memorize the Scripture -- **Deut 6:6; Prov 7:1-3**)
 - 3.3 Gives wisdom -- **Psalm 19:7; II Tim 3:15**
 - 3.4 Gladdens the heart -- **Psalm 19:8; Jer 15:16**

(Continued on next page)

3. What the Bible does for the Christian (continued from last page):
 - 3.5 Serves "...for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living...." -- **2 Tim 3:16,17**
(Good News Bible)
 - 3.6 Assures us of the following:
 - A. Forgiveness of sins -- **1 Jn 1:9; Acts 26:18**
 - B. A new nature (life) -- **2 Cor 5:17; 2 Pet 1:4**
 - C. The Lord's guidance -- **Ps 32:8; Acts 16:6-10**
 - D. The Lord's presence -- **Mt 28:20**
 - E. Victory over temptation -- **1 Cor 10:13**
 - F. Provision of all our needs -- **Jn 16:24; Phil 4:19**
 - G. Eternal life -- **1 Jn 5:11,12; Jn 5:24**
 - H. Jesus' second coming -- **1 Cor 15:52; 1 Thes 4:16,17**
4. Five ways of growing in our knowledge of the Word of God so that we can apply it to daily living:*



**Illustration adapted from "The Navigators"
Used by permission.*

- HOMEWORK:
- Memorize the books of the Bible
 - Memorize **Psalm 119:9,11**
 - Memorize the Hand Illustration