

Reading the Bible with Depth ... so God Will Talk Back

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- When I first became a Christian the man who led me to Christ taught me how to read the Bible in a way where I would sense God speaking to me out of the Scripture every night. It has now been that way every day for 50 years
- He started me on the book of Philippians. Read a _____ 3 times (2-5 verses) and see which section stood out to me. It was like it was lifting off the page. Pay attention to that section. Ask questions - what does it mean? What is God trying to say to me? How is He guiding me, warning me, loving me?

What is Reading the Bible with Depth - so God will talk back? - 11 classic techniques

Technique #1

_____ Repetition

- Cow _____ its cud
- He also taught me to slowly speak Scripture as I went to bed until I fell asleep. I only knew one Scripture that I could quote from memory. Psalm 1. I said it slowly to see if God had anything to say about that verse to me. My life really began to change just as He said it would in Psalm 1 – success in all kinds of areas
- _____ read, speak, write, or ponder a passage of Scripture.
- _____ different words or phrases.
- _____ it over and over.
- Let God direct your thoughts.

Technique #2

Bible _____

Psalm 23:1-6

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters.
He restores my soul;
He guides me in the paths of righteousness for
His name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with
me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence
of my enemies;
You have anointed my head with oil;
My cup overflows.
Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow
me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.

Read; Diagram; Key Words; Questions: Transitions;
Translations

Define; Cross references; Background;
Commentaries; Personal Translation

Know; Feel; Do

Technique #6

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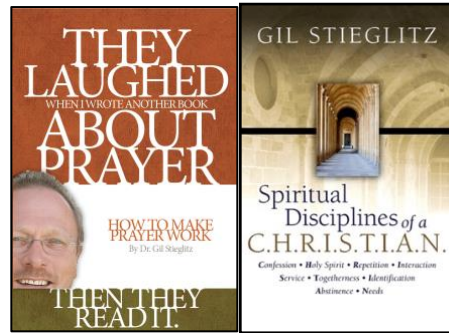
- You must be able to see yourself _____ in Biblical ways.
 - I can remember mentally rehearsing myself being quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger (James 1:22) in every meeting and task during the day.
 - I can remember lying on the floor and playing dead to temptation and listening for God's orders instead (Rom 6:11)
- Mentally _____ enough until it becomes you.
- Mental _____ is a part of every serious sport and business. It has been a part of Christianity for 2,000 years.
- Matt 5:6; Col 3:1-15; 1 Pet 5:5
- My youth pastor would tell me He had an assignment for me. "I hear you are going on a date with Cindy." "Yes, I am really excited about it." I want you to memorize 1 Thess 4:1-8 and mediate on it as the basis for the date. Give me ten pages of meditation on this verse and how it applies to your date with Cindy before the date. "We will mentally rehearse your date before you go on it. "
- Just recently in my time with God, He strongly highlighted
- Pro 17:27 "He who restrains his words has knowledge."

- I realized that the Lord was telling me that the next day I was going to be tempted to say too much to some people I would be with. So I visualized me with my mouth _____ . Over 12 times that next day I felt God's prompting that I needed to restrain my words with a person I was with... God saved me from a lot of wrong words.
 - _____ a better future is the key to change.
 - We must be able to _____ a better marriage, a better job, a better house or it won't happen.
 - The Bible tells us what to _____ ...
 - I was in a significant disagreement and God making me visualize living out Pro 17:14 The beginning of strife is like the letting out of water so abandon the quarrel before it breaks out.
 - I can remember when my youth pastor told me, "I don't think you love your mother enough." "Of course, I love my mother I protested!!!"
 - He assigned me to meditate on 1 Cor 13 and rent my body to Jesus (Gal 2:20) to love my mother for 6 months. Do whatever Jesus prompted me to do.
1. Picture _____ in the Biblical Scene - 5 senses and Asking, Interacting, Reacting
 2. See yourself _____ the Biblical Truth - Actions, Reactions, Words, Thoughts, Attitudes, Motives

Action Steps:

I will read my Bible _____ every day if God reminds me

Books on Reading the Bible with Depth



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