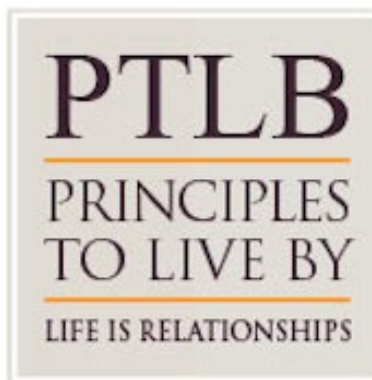




# Reading the Bible with depth

so God will talk to back



presents

An open Bible lies on a dark wooden surface. The background is a deep blue night sky filled with numerous bright, twinkling stars. The Bible's pages are white with black text, and the binding is visible in the center. The overall scene is serene and spiritual.

# Reading the Bible with Depth:

so God will talk back

- 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 paragraph 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

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# Technique #1

## Slow Repetition



# Reading the Bible with Depth: Slow Repetition

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- Cow Chewing 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



# Reading the Bible with Depth: Slow Repetition

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**Slowly read, speak, write or  
ponder a passage of  
Scripture**

**Emphasize different words  
or phrases**

**Say it over and over  
Let God direct your thoughts**





## Technique #2

### Bible Study



# Reading the Bible with Depth: Bible Study

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## 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.



# Reading the Bible with Depth: Bible Study

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- **Observe**
  - Read; Diagram; Key Words; Questions; Transitions; Translations
- **Interpret**
  - Define; Cross references; Background; Commentaries; Personal Translation
- **Apply**
  - Know; Feel; Do







## Technique #6

### Visualize: Col 3





# Reading the Bible with Depth: Visualize

## Mental Rehearsal

- You must be able to see yourself acting 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 practice enough until it becomes you

- Mental rehearsal is a part of every serious sport and business.



# Reading the Bible with Depth: Visualize: Mental Rehearsal Matt 5:6; Col 3:1-15; 1 Pet 5:5

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- 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 meditate 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.”



# Reading the Bible with Depth: Visualize

Matt 5:6; Col 3:1-15; 1 Pet 5:5

- 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 taped shut. 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.



# Reading the Bible with Depth: Visualize

so God will talk back



- Imagining a better future is the key to change.
- We must be able to picture a better marriage, a better job, a better house or it won't happen.
  - The Bible tells us what to picture...
- 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.



# Reading the Bible with Depth: Visualize

so God will talk back

- 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.



# Reading the Bible with Depth: Visualize



## **1. Picture yourself in the Biblical Scene**

5 senses and Asking, Interacting, Reacting

## **2. See yourself doing the Biblical Truth**

Actions, Reactions, Words, Thoughts, Attitudes, Motives





# EPHESIANS 6

1420

A general exhortation

For this ye know, that no whore-  
son, nor uncleanness, nor cov-  
etousness, which is an idolatry, hath  
any inheritance in the kingdom of  
Christ and of God.

Let us not therefore use these  
things, which are unprofitable unto  
you, seeing the wrath of God cometh  
upon the children of disobedience:

But put on the armour of God, that ye may stand against the devil,  
who is as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Stand therefore, having girded on the breastplate of righteousness,  
and the helmet of salvation,

and the shoes of the gospel of peace,  
in order to be able to stand against the devil's craftings.

For we wrestle not against flesh  
and blood, but against principalities,  
against powers, against the rulers of  
the darkness of this world, against  
spiritual wickedness in high places.

Wherefore take unto you the whole  
armour of God, that ye may be able  
to stand against the evil day, and  
having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins  
girt about with truth, and having  
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Of parents and children

32 This is a great mystery: but I  
speak concerning Christ and the  
church,

33 Nevertheless let every one of  
you in particular so love his wife  
even as himself; and the wife see that  
she reverence her husband.

Children, obey your parents in the  
Lord: for this is right.

6 Lord, for this is right.

2 Honour thy father and moth-  
er, (which is the first commandment  
with promise.)

3 That it may be well with thee,  
and thou mayest live long on the  
earth.

4 And ye fathers, provoke not  
your children to wrath: but bring  
them up in the nurture and admoni-  
tion of the Lord.

5 Servants, be obedient to them  
that are your masters according to the  
Lord, as unto Christ:

6 Not with eyeservice, as men  
please; but as the servants of Christ,  
from the heart, as unto the Lord,

7 With good will, doing service  
unto the Lord, as unto him:

8 Knowing that whatsoever good  
ye do, this shall be for the Lord,  
ye shall receive the same reward.

9 And ye masters, do the same  
things unto them, as unto Christ:

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong  
in the Lord, and in the power of his  
word.

11 Put on the whole armour of  
God, that ye may be able to stand  
against the wiles of the devil.

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14 Stand therefore, having your  
loins girt about with truth, and having  
put on the breastplate of righteousness,

15 And your feet shod with the  
preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of  
faith, wherewith ye shall be able to  
quench all the fiery darts of the  
evil one.

17 And take the helmet of salva-  
tion, and the sword of the Spirit,

18 Which is the word of God;

19 Praying always with all vigi-  
lance, and supplication in the Spirit,  
and watching thereunto with all per-  
severance and supplication for all  
saints;

20 And for me, that I may open my  
mouth boldly, to make known the  
mystery of the gospel.

21 For which I am an ambassador  
in bonds: that I might speak  
boldly, as I ought to speak.

22 But that ye also may know my  
affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a  
beloved brother and faithful minister  
in the Lord, shall make known to you  
all things.

23 Whom I have sent unto you for  
the same purpose, that ye might know  
our affairs, and that he might comfort  
your hearts.

EPHESIANS 6:12

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## Action Steps



**I will read my Bible 5 minutes  
every day if God reminds me**





# Books on Reading the Bible with Depth

