

Biblical Life Change: How the Truth Changes Our Lives

(Deuteronomy 5:1)

And Moses called all Israel, and said to them:

Hear, O Israel,
the statutes and judgments which I speak in your hearing today,
that you may
learn them and
be careful to observe them.

We Must HEAR God's Word

1. **Active Gathering**

Heb 10:25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

2. **Attentive Listening**

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Listening? Note-taking? Discipline – ADD – overstimulation? (media dulled)

3. **Appropriate Teachers**

Eph 4:11-12 And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

James 3:1 My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.

Neh 8:8 So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped *them* to understand the reading.

4. **Accurate Teaching**

2 Tim 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Most sermons end here...

We Must LEARN God's Word *(have it with you – tying shoes)*

1. **A Purposing Heart (listening in order to learn and obey)**

1 Pet 2:1-2 Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, want the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby *(keep focusing on it until it works) purpose*

2. **A Memorizing Habit**

Psalms 119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!

3. **A Meditating Heart**

Psalms 119:18 Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.

Psalms 1:1-3 ¹Blessed *is* the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; ²But his delight *is* in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. ³He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

Psalms 119:34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart.

Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you 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. *(not supplement but the very essence of life)*

We Must OBSERVE God's Word

1. **Diligently Evaluate Your Circumstances – Where am I?**

James 1:22-24 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

2. **Diligently Identify Impacted Areas – How does truth fit?**

- **Relationships** – With God and people
- **Habits** – Places you go, friends you keep, actions you practice
- **Speech** – What you say/don't say, wrong words *(he made me mad)*
- **Attitudes** – What I think, why I do what I do, perspective on trials
- **Decisions** – The process by which I make a choice – God's input
- **Things** – Idolatry in many forms (covetous, stinginess, etc.)

3. **Diligently Integrate (work in) the Truth – What will I do?**

James 1:21-22 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Eph 4:22-24 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Rom 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. 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.