

The Word

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I. Introduction.

- A. God puts a great deal of importance upon his Word. (Psalm 119:162; 19:9)
- B. There are several keys to mining treasures from God's Word. (Proverbs 2:1-6)

II. Receive and treasure.

- A. Your heart must be right otherwise the facts will not be treasures. (Ezekiel 3:10)
- B. The receptive heart applies the Word of God.
- C. The Bible was not given to increase your knowledge but to guide your conduct. (Proverbs 2)
- D. To treasure means to hoard.
- E. People hoard when certain items are difficult to get. We must store up against a future need.

III. Making your ear attentive and inclining your heart to understanding.

- A. Making your ear attentive signifies alertness and expectancy.
- B. The heart implies the real you.
 - 1. To incline our hearts means to give ourselves completely.
 - 2. We must thirst after what God has for us.
 - 3. God can give us a desire for his Word.

IV. Crying out for insight and raise your voice for understanding.

- A. The idea here is prayer.
- B. Study should be bathed in prayer. We cannot get the spiritual food from the Bible apart from the working of the Spirit in our hearts.

V. Seeking and searching.

- A. Bible study is work, but it is a delightful and rewarding work.
- B. Work can be likable if we enjoy it.

VI. Scripture analysis: 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

- A. What the Bible says before?
- B. What does the Bible say after it?

- C. What does the passage itself say?
- D. What do you not understand in this passage?
- E. What is another cross-reference for this passage?
- F. What profit is there for this passage?

Application questions:

1. How can we foster a greater desire for God's Word?

2. What is your plan for getting into God's Word regularly?

3. What are some creative ways you can apply a passage of God's Word? Explain.
