



Romans 10:17
James 1:22

Hearing

Rev 1:3
Josh 8:34
Deut 17:19

Reading

II Tim 2:15
Acts 17:11
Ezra 7:10

Study

Psalm 119:11
Psalm 119:9
Prov 22:17-18

Memorize

Psalm 1:2-3
Josh 1:8

Meditation

Applications

1. Where is your Strength now?
2. Where are you Weakest now?
3. If God wanted you to improve, which one would be most important?
4. What, by the grace of God, will I do about it starting next week?

Applications



HAND ILLUSTRATION

1. What is the most common way that most people receive the Word of God?
Hearing Rom. 10:17
What % of what you hear do you think you retain?
Who can repeat ___% of what their pastor said Sunday? Maybe 1-2% retention
How can you increase retention of what you hear? Deut. 17:18
Take Notes ---give a reward as an incentive to better listen

HOW CAN WE HELP A CONVERT IMPROVE FROM HEARING ONLY?

2. **Reading:** Rev. 1:3 or Deut. 17:19 maybe 10 – 15%
Book of John (one chapter per day); 1 Chapter of Proverbs/day; through the N
T or Bible in a year, etc.
3. **Studying:** Acts 17:11 or 2 Tim. 2:15
Not “Mama Bird style” OR get together and “Share your Ignorance” BUT
Original Investigation not “hand me down or 2nd hand”
Operation Timothy; Topical Study; Book Study, etc.
4. **Memorizing:** Ps. 119:11
Beginning With Christ; Operation Timothy; Topical Memory System; Sections
or Books Review, Review... **Accountability** is a must for maximum results
5. **Meditating:** Joshua 1:8 or Ps. 1:2
“Ruminate the Word” Chew on it the way a cow chews her cod over and over
to get more out of it. Personalize the Scripture (John 3:16), “God so loved ME”

Use the Hand Illustration to diagnose their present position (Not for a new convert)

1. Where is your strength now? Hearing, Reading, etc.
2. Where are you weakest now? Scripture memory...
3. If God wanted you to improve, which one do you think is most important now?
Have one sentence to share on how to start improving on each one.
4. What with God's help will you do about it starting this week?

THE HAND ILLUSTRATION

The “Word Hand” shows us the five methods of learning from the Bible. Each of these methods is important.

- Hearing** Hearing the Word from godly pastors and teachers provides us insight into other’s study of the Scriptures as well as stimulating our own appetites for the Word.
- Reading** Reading the Bible gives us an overall picture of God’s Word. Many find helpful a daily reading program which takes them systematically through the Bible.
- Studying** Studying the Scriptures leads us into personal discoveries of God’s truth. Writing down these discoveries helps us organize and remember them better.
- Memorizing** Memorizing God’s Word enables us to use the sword of the Spirit to overcome Satan and temptations... to have it readily available for witnessing or helping others with a “word in season.”
- Meditation** Meditation is the thumb of the Word Hand, for it is used in conjunction with each of the other four methods. Only as we meditate on God’s Word—thinking of its meaning and application to our lives—will we discover its transforming power at work in us.