

How to Interpret Scripture

Lesson - 13 — Living by the Word of God

Memory Verse

James 1:22 (NKJV) *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

1 John 1:7 (NKJV) *But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*

John 12:35 (NKJV) *Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.*

CD Brooks told of two boys staring at the sun for a contest. Doctor told them, "The light is not for looking at but walking in".

2 Peter 1:19 (NKJV) *And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;*

If you walk in the light he gives you more.

The Living Word of God and the Holy Spirit

John 14:26 (NKJV) *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*

John 16:13 (NKJV) *However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*

"No one is able to explain the Scriptures without the aid of the Holy Spirit. But when you take up the Word of God with a humble, teachable heart, the angels of God will be by your side to impress you with evidences of the truth."— Selected Messages, book 1, p. 411.

John 7:17 (NKJV) *If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.*

- All my requests are lost in one, "Father, thy will be done!" Charles Wesley

Being Doers

Luke 6:46 (NKJV) *"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?"*

Matthew 7:21–23 (NKJV) *"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father*

in heaven. ²² *Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' ²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'*

Mark 3:32-35 *And a multitude was sitting around Him; and they said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are outside seeking You." But He answered them, saying, "Who is My mother, or My brothers?" And He looked around in a circle at those who sat about Him, and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! "For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and mother."*

Matthew 7:24-27 *"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."*

- "The vision must be followed by the venture. It is not enough to stare up the steps - we must step up the stairs." - Vance Havner
- **Romans 2:13** (NKJV) *(for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified;*
- **Matthew 21:28-32** *"But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' "He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. "Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. "Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said to Him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. "For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him.*
- "God doesn't want our success; he wants us. He doesn't demand our achievements; he demands our obedience. It is only by obedience that we understand the teaching of God."- Oswald Chambers
- There are times that I have deceived myself into thinking that talking about the will of God is a substitute for doing it.

Philippians 2:12–16 (NKJV) *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is*

God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

Deuteronomy 4:4 (NKJV) But you who held fast to the Lord your God are alive today, every one of you.

Learning From Jesus

Don't wait till you understand everything till you obey what you do understand.

Luke 4:3–13 (NKJV) And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread."⁴ But Jesus answered him, saying, "**It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'**"⁵ Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.⁶ And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish."⁷

Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."⁸ And Jesus answered and said to him, "**Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'**"⁹

Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here."¹⁰ For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,'¹¹ and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'¹² And Jesus answered and said to him, "**It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'**"¹³ Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.

Luke 10:25–28 (NKJV) And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"²⁶ He said to him, "**What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?**"²⁷ So he answered and said, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'"²⁸ And He said to him, "**You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.**"

Matthew 11:10 For this is he of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.'

John 5:39 (NKJV) You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

Believing and obedience go hand in Hand

Deu 9:23 "Likewise, when the LORD sent you from Kadesh Barnea, saying, 'Go up and possess the land which I have given you,' then you rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God, and you did not believe Him nor obey His voice.

Heb 3:18,19 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

- Never think that Jesus commanded a trifle, nor dare to trifle with anything he has commanded. - Dwight Lyman Moody (1837–1899)
 - Obedience is the key that unlocks the door to every profound spiritual experience.
 - Obedience is the eye of the spirit. Failure to obey dims and dulls the spiritual understanding. Samuel Dickey Gordon (1859–1936)
- 1 John 2:17** And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.
- Obedience to God will mean that some time or other you enter into desolation. Oswald Chambers (1874–1917)

Jesus Versus Scripture?

John 5:45–47 (NKJV) Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father; there is one who accuses you—Moses, in whom you trust.⁴⁶ **For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me.**⁴⁷ But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

Matthew 5:21–22 (NKJV) "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.'²² **But I say to you** that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.

Matthew 5:27–28 (NKJV) "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.'²⁸ **But I say to you** that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Isaiah 42:21 (NKJV) The Lord is well pleased for His righteousness' sake; He will exalt the law and make it honorable.

Matthew 5:33–37 (NKJV) "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.'³⁴ **But I say to you**, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne;³⁵ nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.³⁶ Nor shall you swear by

your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black.³⁷ But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

Quiet Times With the Word of God

Psalm 119:147 (NKJV) *I rise before the dawning of the morning, And cry for help; I hope in Your word.*

Psalm 119:148 (NKJV) *My eyes are awake through the night watches, That I may meditate on Your word.*

Psalm 37:7 (NKJV) *Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.*

Psalm 46:10 (NKJV) *Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!*

Psalm 62:1–2, 5 (NKJV) *Truly my soul silently waits for God; From Him comes my salvation.² He only is my rock and my salvation; He is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved. ...⁵ My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation is from Him.*

Mark 6:31 (NKJV) *And He said to them, “Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.*

Memory and Song

Psalm 119:11 (NKJV) *Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.*

Deuteronomy 31:19 *“Now therefore, write down this song for yourselves, and teach it to the children of Israel; put it in their mouths,*

Numbers 21:16–17 (NKJV) *From there they went to Beer, which is the well where the Lord said to Moses, “Gather the people together, and I will give them water.”¹⁷ Then Israel sang this song: “Spring up, O well! All of you sing to it—*

Ephesians 5:19 (NKJV) *speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,*

Colossians 3:16 (NKJV) *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

How do we become doers of the word?

Nancy quit smoking and drinking for her baby. Love is the power for obedience. "Under New Management."

According to a researcher at the University of Michigan, a program of good exercise may help a person fight off colds and infection. The theory is that a good workout puts the body in a condition similar to what happens at the onset of a fever. That's not all bad. Most biologists are of the opinion that a fever is the body's way of fighting back when micro-intruders get into the system. Increased body temperature seems to aid the white-cell defense system while slowing down the action of bacteria and viruses. Exercise, it is now thought, does the same thing. It releases chemicals into the blood that stimulate the brain to make our temperature rise.

The Bible teaches that a regular course of good spiritual exercise is highly beneficial to the health of our soul. It shows us that sin is effectively warded off in a person who is walking in the light, one who is obeying Jesus each day. On the other hand, disobedience or following the path of least resistance, cools down a person's spiritual temperature. Fellowship is neglected. Sin is neither confessed nor forsaken. The result is a lukewarm or cold Christian who is not taking advantage of the kind of defenses necessary to fight spiritual infection where it exists.