

HOW TO INTERPRET THE BIBLE - PART 13

Outline #13 Living by the Word of God

1. Living what we learn

- a) Ephesians 2:8-10. What is the relationship between being saved by grace through faith and living what we learn by the enabling presence of the Holy Spirit?
- b) Philippians 2:12, 13-16 This passage has been misunderstood by many. Who works in us, enabling us to live in harmony with the Word of God?
- c) How do we "hold fast the word of life" (v.16 NKJV)?
- d) What work does the Holy Spirit do for us and in us as we seek to live what we learn from the Word of God? John 16:13, Acts 1:8, Galatians 5:25,16
- e) What encouragement do you find in Philippians 1:6?

2. Learning from Jesus

- a) What evidence do you see in the life of Jesus that He lived in harmony with the Word of God? Luke 4:4,8,10-12 (when tempted by Satan)
- b) How was Jesus able to share those inspired words as a defense against the enemy?
- c) Matthew 5:17 Why is this testimony of Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount important for us today?
- d) What is the most important lesson you learn from the life of Jesus about living by the Word of God?
- 3. Quiet Times with the Word of God
 - a) Mark 1:35 How did Jesus find quiet times with God?
 - b) Psalm 143:8 What are some ways we can hear God's lovingkindness in the morning?

Let the Word of Christ – Colossians 3:16

- c) Psalm 46:10 This verse has been misinterpreted by New Age teachers. What is the LORD saying to us here?
- d) Share your experience searching for quiet times with God. How has God blessed you as you have found quiet times with the Word of God?

4. Hiding God's Word in your heart

- a) Psalm 119:11
- b) Deuteronomy 6:6-7
- c) Colossians 3:16
- d) What method for hiding God's Word in your heart works best for you?
- e) Share a Bible text you have hidden in your heart that has been especially meaningful to you.
- f) What blessings come when we hide God's Word in our hearts?
 - i) John 14:26
 - ii) Ephesians 6:17b
 - iii) Ephesians 5:19, Luke 24:27
- g) Share a time when you were able to share the Word of God with someone because you had hidden those words in your heart.

