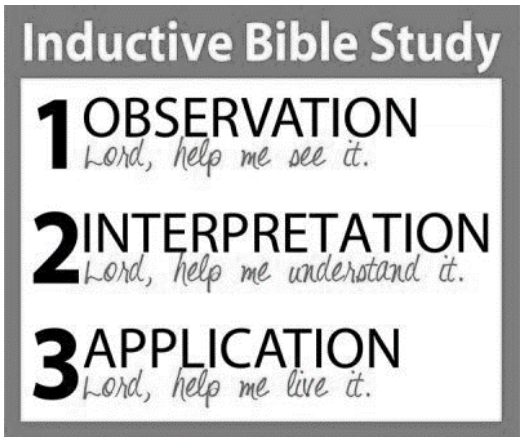

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Series: How to Study Your Bible

Step #3 –Application – What Does It Mean?

Introduction & Review

Observation – What Do I See?

Interpretation – What Does It Mean?

Content Context Comparison Culture Consultation

Application – What is God Saying to Me?

James 1:22 (KJV)
22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Every text of Scripture has r_____. God did not only have a voice in the past, His voice is present today through application of the Scripture.

Hendricks said, "Observation + Interpretation – Application = A_____." In other words every time you observe and interpret but fail to apply the Scriptures, you perform an abortion on the Scriptures in term of their purpose.

The first two steps (observation and interpretation) are food, the last step (application) is exercise. We need food and exercise spiritually. Part of the pastor's job is to feed the flock. While the pastor can make applications in preaching and teaching, he cannot make you apply Biblical truth whereby you are changed. You have to take the truth and apply it to your life.

The Bible is not written to satisfy someone's curiosity, it was written to t_____ lives.

Titus 1:1 (KJV)
1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

THE P_____ OF SIN

James 1:20-22 (KJV)
21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.
22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

The more you read and hear the Bible and do nothing about it, the more self-deceived you become.

THE P_____ FOR APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Ezra 7:10 (KJV)
10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do *it*, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

Application requires a honest, teachable, tender heart that seeks God and allows God to search the heart.

The insights you gain in observation an interpretation affect your relationships to God, to yourself, to others, to the enemy, to sin, to the Holy Spirit, to Christ. This is truth applied!

THE P_____ OF APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Application answers the question So What? It answers the question, what should I do about it?

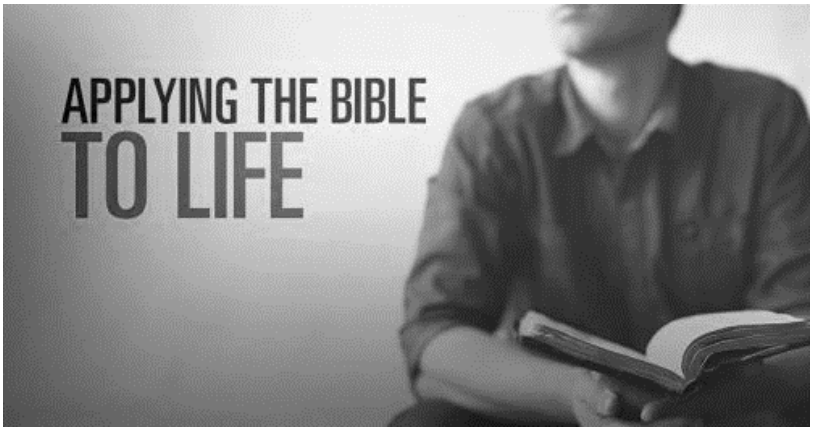
- **K_____ Yourself.**
  Know your strengths and weaknesses. Know the sin which does so easily beset you. Know your gifts. Know that your heart is deceitful which means it is comfortable without addressing anything in your life

- **R_____ the truth of God's Word to your life experience.**

- **M_____ and M_____ on the Scripture. (Ps. 1:1-5; Jam. 1:25)**

- **Ask Q_____ to personalize the passage.**

What did I learn?
How has it helped you?
What are you challenged to do?
How has it encouraged you?
Is there a command to follow?
Is there a sin to confess or avoid?
Is there a promise to claim?
Is there a victory to gain?
Is there an example for me to follow?
Is there a prayer to repeat?
Is there a challenge to face?
Is there a temptation to resist?
Is there a lesson to learn?
Is there a warning to heed?
Is there a name of God, Christ, or the Holy Spirit to find comfort and truth in?
Is there a new thought about man, about God, about the Holy Spirit, or about Satan?



- **Make a Decision to C_____. (2 Cor. 3:18)**

- **Make a P_____. i.e. - How am I going to accomplish this? (Ezra 7:10)**

- **F_____ T_____. (Matt. 21:24-32)**

BIBLE STUDY EXERCISE in Observation, Interpretation, and Application

Philippians 2:12-18 (KJV)

12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye 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.
13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.
14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:
15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;
16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.
17 Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.
18 For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me.

Observation – What do I See? (who, what, where, when, why, wherefore)

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Interpretation – What Does It Mean? – One Interpretation (content, context, comparison, culture, consultation)

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Applications – What is God Saying to Me? - One Interpretation/Many Applications

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What do I need to change in my life as a result of studying Philippians 2:12-18?

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How do I plan to incorporate this change into my life?

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What verse(s) in this passage and correlating passages will I work on memorizing to help me toward Biblical change?

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