

BIBLE STUDY AND APPLICATION FORMAT

(based on Timothy 3:16-17)

Biblical Reference	Teaching	Reproof	Correction	Training in Righteousness
	What is the commandment or principle?	How have I failed to live by it?	What do I need to do?	What is my specific plan - how will I do it?
Ephesians 5:15-16	<p>As children of God, we should be very careful in all we do. If anything we are doing has no purpose for the kingdom of God, we shouldn't be doing it. We should keep our minds constantly focused on God's word because the world is a very evil place, and we can easily be overrun by the desires of it if. Our flesh seeks to rule us when we allow too much idle time, or use our time unwisely. We should seek to further God's kingdom by using the time He has blessed us with to witness to the lost, encourage other believers, train our children, etc. instead of pursuing our own fleshly desires. We have a limited amount of time here on earth to do all that God calls us to do, therefore we should be diligent in following His commandments, so that we may be used of God to make a difference in this dark world in which we live.</p>	<p>I have been selfish with my time, and unwilling to yield to the calling of the Holy Spirit. I have not taken every opportunity to do the will of God. I have used time as an excuse for not doing God's will. For instance, I rationalize that since I have a teenager in sports and two babies in diapers, I don't have time to form a relationship with and eventually witness to an unsaved family who recently moved into my building. I have also used the excuse that since they are African American, they probably will not want to be friends with a white family. In reality, they have been very nice every time I have spoken to them. Also, God has given me all the time I need to carry out His desires for my life. When I feel His calling for me to do something, I can be sure that He will take care of whatever else needs to be done if I am faithful to follow His commands.</p>	<p>I need to form a relationship with this couple to set the groundwork for presenting the Gospel to them in the near future. I need to pray for God to begin working in their lives so that they will be receptive to Jesus Christ. I need to find out where they stand biblically, so that I can begin to minister to them.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I will pray and ask God to help me to form a relationship with this family and to help me not to be intimidated by our differences. 2. I will pray and ask God to make my neighbors sensitive and willing to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. 3. I will cook or bake something for them this week or invite them over for dinner. 4. I will offer to watch their three children so that they can go out to dinner alone. (Since they both work and he works 12-hour shifts, they sometimes see very little of each other.) 5. I will practice my 10- and 30-second testimonies until I am comfortable enough to share them when the opportunity arises. 6. I will love God first and then my neighbor. I will memorize and meditate on Matthew 22:37-40 over the next six weeks using my scripture memory plan.