

PathLights

*"Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path"
Psalm 119:104*

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Attitudes in Bible Study

by Frank Himmel

The right motive is essential to profitable Bible study. We must desire to learn the truth that makes us free (John 8:31-32), to attain the wisdom that leads to salvation in Christ (2 Timothy 3:15).

The right motive is just one aspect of the right attitude in Bible study, however. Consider three other essential components.

Open Mind

Jesus said of some students in His day, "You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive" (Matthew 13:14, ESV). Their problem was closed minds which made them unteachable. We must not be afraid to admit that we are ignorant or to learn that what we have thought is wrong. We must be willing to accept the truth, along with the changes it requires us to make.

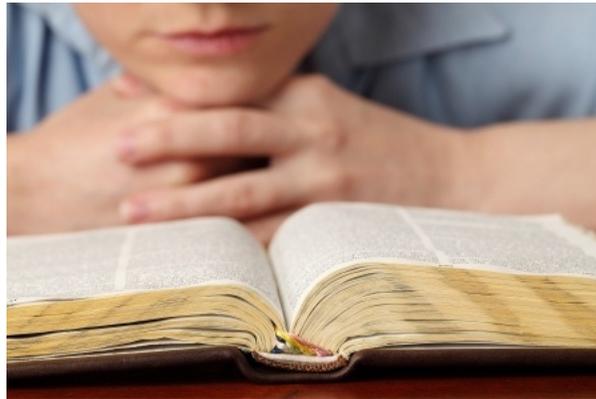
Willingness to Work

Have you ever said about someone, "I wish I knew the Bible as well as he or she did"? Well, there was probably a time when that person said the same thing about someone else. Then, he started to work.

The Bible contains 66 books, 1,189 chapters, over 31,000 verses, or about 800,000 words. Obviously, no one will master all that in a few sessions! It takes work – consistent effort over a long period of time. In fact, even the best Bible students are constantly learning throughout their lives.

The point is, you won't get much out of Bible study if you don't put much into it. A hit-and-miss approach yields little. (You can't learn much about history or

science or mathematics or anything else that way, either.) To thoroughly learn the Bible you have to invest some time and effort. The noble-minded Bereans "received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily" (Acts 17:11). The blessed man meditates on what he reads (Psalm 1:2).



Expectation of Success

While learning the Bible might seem overwhelming at the beginning, when we break it down into segments and approach it in a systematic way, it is really not so difficult at all.

To be sure there are some challenging parts; the Bible says so (2 Peter 3:16). Nevertheless, it promises us that we can understand it (Ephesians 3:4). God commands us to know His will (Ephesians 5:17), and He does not require the impossible. You can learn! Why not get started today?

An Outline of Titus 2

by Frank Himmel

“But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine” (v. 1).

Older men are to be...

- Temperate
- Dignified
- Sensible
- Sound in faith
- Sound in love
- Sound in perseverance

Older women are to be...

- Reverent
- Not malicious gossips
- Not enslaved to much wine
- Teaching what is good
- Encouraging the young women

Young women are to...

- Love their husbands
- Love their children
- Be sensible
- Be pure
- Be workers at home
- Be kind
- Be subject to their husbands



Young men [including Titus] are to be...

- Sensible
- An example of good deeds
- Pure in doctrine
- Dignified
- Sound in speech which is beyond reproach

Servants [workers] are to be...

- Subject to their own masters
- Well-pleasing
- Not argumentative
- Not pilfering
- Showing all good faith

Why?

- So that the word of God will not be dishonored (v. 5)
- So that the opponent will be put to shame (v. 8)
- So that the opponent will have nothing bad to say about us (v. 8)
- Because the same divine grace that brings salvation teaches us to live sensibly, righteously, and godly in the present age (vv. 11-12)
- Because we are focused on Christ and His coming (v. 13)
- Because at the cost of His own life Christ redeemed us from lawless deeds (v. 14)
- Because we are God’s people, a purified people, zealous for good deeds (v. 14)

“These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you” (v. 15).

Service Leaders for the Week			
	Sunday Morning	Sunday Evening	Wednesday Evening
GREETER	Greg Winget	Howard Moore	Paul Richmond
SONG LEADER	Bruce Williams	Frank Himmel	John Baucom
OPENING PRAYER	Steven Turner	Adam Gibson	
LORD’S SUPPER			
BREAD	Greg Winget	Greg Winget	
CUP	Mark Clifton	Mark Clifton	
CONTRIBUTION PRAYER	Albert Lee Harrison		
SERMON/INVITATION	Frank Himmel	Paul Richmond	Paul Richmond
CLOSING PRAYER	John Baucom	Josh Baucom	Adam Wilson