

HOW TO GET SOMETHING OUT OF YOUR BIBLE READING

Introduction:

- Have you ever struggled in your Bible reading?
- Have you ever read an entire chapter or book and after you finished you had no idea what you just read?
- Have you ever wished that you could read your Bible and get something to help you from it like others.
- If so, you are not alone. Many people struggle with understanding their Bible reading.

Text: I Corinthians 2:9-3:1

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1. **Have The Right Attitude** (verse 9 - God has wonderful things for us in His Word.)
 - a. If we don't read God's Word then we won't know these things that God has prepared for us.
 - b. Every day God has something prepared for us in His Word.
 - c. Jer 15:16 *Thy words were found and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart:*
 - d. Attitude:
 - i. Anticipation
 1. Look forward to it; Don't dread it.
 2. You get out of it what you put into it.
 - ii. Openness
 1. Don't change the Bible to fit your thinking, change your thinking to fit the Bible.
 2. Openness to God, not to everything else.
 - iii. Commitment to Obey
 1. Not going to fight it, I am going to submit to it.
2. **Ask The Holy Spirit For Help** (verse 10-13 The way that God reveals what He has prepared for us is through His Spirit, the author of the Word of God.)
 - a. John 16:13 *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come he will guide you into all truth:*
 - b. Verse 12 - When people get saved, they receive the Holy Spirit.
 - c. I Cor 6:19,20 tells us that our bodies are the temples of the Holy Ghost.
 - d. verse 13 - The Holy Ghost is your teacher; you don't have to rely on yourself, someone else, a commentary to figure it out.
 - i. You may not understand every word of the passage, but just the portion that God has for you that day.
 - ii. There may be another time that you will understand those verses that you don't understand.
3. **Compare Verses With Other Verses** (v. 13)
 - a. You don't have to read commentaries, books, and study Bible. You can just compare one verse with another.
 - b. The greatest commentary on the Bible is the Bible.
 - c. This is why it is important to read the whole Bible through.
 - d. Use a Dictionary to help you.
 - i. Don't need to know Greek
 - ii. Don't need to rewrite the Bible
4. **Recognize That You Have The Ability To Understand** (v. 14-16 - To unsaved people, the Bible is foolishness.)
 - a. It's a wonderful advantage to be saved so now you can understand the Bible.
 - b. verse 16 - We can understand because when we have the Holy Spirit, we have the mind of Christ, and we can think how He thinks.
5. **Don't Expect To Understand Everything The First Time** (I Cor 3:1 - There are some things in the Bible that are a little harder to understand than other things. If you expect to understand everything the first time, you will be frustrated.)
 - a. Some are milk and some are meat. Babies can only eat the milk not the meat. They cannot handle meat.
 - b. The more you grow, the more you will understand. (Just like you don't have to read for 3 hours like other Christians may.)
 - c. The most important things are to do what you know is right to do: Read Bible, pray, come to church.
 - d. 1Pe 2:2 *As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:*

"Either this book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this book."