

Practical Devotions  
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And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup> so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; <sup>11</sup> having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.  
Philippians 1:9-11 (NASB)

*All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NASB)

### **1. Pray for a clear understanding.**

*Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,*  
Luke 24:45 (NASB)

*"When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road. In your prayer tell God that you are ready to obey what He will show you and that you are willing to share that application with others.*

Matthew 13:19 (NASB)

### **2. Meditate on God's Word.**

*"This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.*

Joshua 1:8 (NASB)

"For God so loved \_\_\_\_\_ that He gave His one and only Son that if \_\_\_\_\_ believes in Him he shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

Look for things that scripture asks us to do...

Sin to confess?  
Error to avoid?  
Command to obey?  
Promise to claim?  
Something to praise God for?

Prayer to pray?  
Example to follow?  
Attitude to change?  
Truth to believe?

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.*

Psalms 19:14 (NASB)

### **3. Write out an application.**

*"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> "And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> "Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup> "The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall."*

Matthew 7:24-27 (NASB)

*"Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Write all the words which I have spoken to you in a book.*

Jeremiah 30:2 (NASB)

- **Application should be personal.**
- **Application should be practical.**
- **Application should be doable.**
- **Application should be measurable.**

### **4. Memorize scripture.**

*"These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> "You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. <sup>8</sup> "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. <sup>9</sup> "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (NASB)*