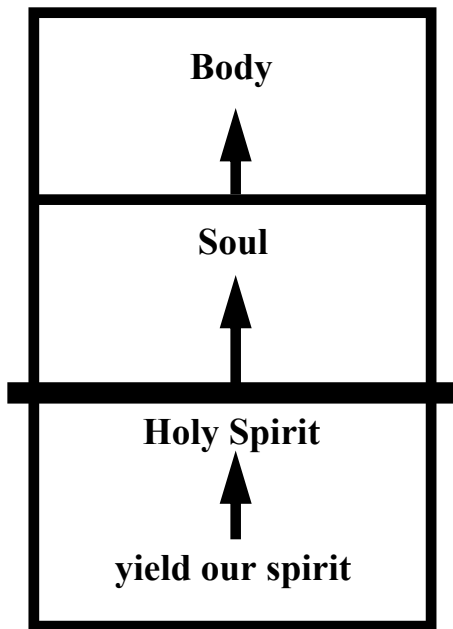


Make the Bible Live

I.

Our personal preparation in order to make the Bible live

- A. We must be walking in the Light in order to make the Bible live - 1 John 1:3-7
- B. We must make the choice to yield our teaching to God and act out of love instead of fear in order to make the Bible live - Romans 6:13, 16 ; 1 John 4:18
- C. We must study the Word to learn for ourselves in order to make the Word of God live for others - 2 Timothy 2:15
- D. We must meditate on the Word of God so that it is transforming our own lives in order for it to transform the lives of others - Joshua 1:6-9; Psalm 1:1-3; Romans 12:1-2



Transforming our Teaching
Luke 24:27, 32
Luke 24:44-48

Transforming our Thinking, Emotions and Will
2 Timothy 2:15, Joshua 1:6-9,
Psalm 1:1-3, Romans 12:1-2

Transforming our spirit
1 John 1:3-7
Romans 6:13, 16
1 John 4:18

Luke 24:27 *And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.*

Luke 24:32 *And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"*

Luke 24:44-47 *Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses and the Prophets, and the Psalms concerning Me." And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."*

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II.

Our Bible study preparation in order to make the Bible live

A. We must allow the passage that we will be teaching to change our lives. As we hear (Romans 10:17), read (Revelation 1:3), study (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV), memorize (Psalm 119:11), and meditate (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3) on the passage throughout the week, we need to ask the same two questions that Saul asked in Acts 9:5-6:

Who are you Lord? (What does this passage teach me about Christ?)

Lord, what do you want me to do? (What does Christ want me to do?)

B. To make the passage clear in our own thinking, we need to pray that the Holy Spirit will teach us and give us understanding. John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 2:9-14 Then, we need to learn what we can about the background of the book, the main subject of the book and the main thought of the chapter so that we understand what God wants to teach us in the verses that we are studying. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

C. To make individual verses clear in our thinking, we may need to get a Bible dictionary so that we can understand the meaning of some of the difficult words in the verses because every word of the Word of God is important. Matthew 5:18

D. Once we have a basic understanding of the passage, we need to ask ourselves the following questions about the verses:

1. Is there a promise in these verses that will give me strength for this week?
2. Is there a command in these verses that I can begin practicing this week?

E. Once we have found any commands that God gives in the passage, we need to pray that the Lord will give us His strength to obey those commands.
John 15:5; Philippians 4:13

Five ways we learn the Word of God

Hearing - Romans 10:17
Reading - Revelation 1:3
Studying - 2 Timothy 2:15
Memorizing - Psalm 119:11
Meditating - Joshua 1:8;
Psalm 1:1-3

However, these five ways of learning will only give us understanding as we depend on the Holy Spirit - John 14:26, 1 Corinthians 2:9-14

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III. Our Bible presentation that makes the Bible live

- A. A basic outline for teaching the Word of God:
 - 1. Read the passage - Luke 4:16-20
 - 2. Explain the meaning of the passage - Luke 4:21
 - 3. Explain how the passage applies to our lives today - Luke 4:22-30

- B. An illustration from the life of Christ
 - 1. Christ questioned them and then went to the Scriptures - Luke 24:13-27
 - 2. Christ explained the Scriptures - Luke 24:27
 - 3. Christ applied the Scriptures to their lives - Luke 24:28-32

- C. An illustration of this type of teaching in the early church
 - 1. They read the Scriptures - Acts 13:14-15
 - 2. Paul explained the Scriptures - Acts 13:16-37
 - 3. Paul applied the Scriptures to the congregation - Acts 13:38-44

- D. An illustration of this type of teaching for today - Genesis 3**

- 1. Read Genesis 3:1-24**

- 2. Explain the passage**

- I. The choice facing Adam and Eve - Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-6
 - A. The choice God offered - Genesis 2:15-17
 - B. The choice Satan offered - Genesis 3:1-5
 - C. The three ways we are tempted - Genesis 3:6; 1 John 2:16
 - 1. the lust of the flesh
 - 2. the lust of the eyes
 - 3. the pride of life

- II. The immediate consequences of that choice - Genesis 3:7-13

When Adam and Eve sinned, they experienced the immediate consequences of sin and they also experienced the long-term consequences of that sin. In these verses, we see the immediate consequences of sin.

- A. They experienced separation from God (spiritual death) - Genesis 3:7-9 and separation from each other - Genesis 3:12-13
- B. They experienced changes within themselves
 - 1. fear - Genesis 3:10
 - 2. guilt - Genesis 3:11

- 3. shame - Genesis 3:7
- C. They had a changed relationship with each other
blame - Genesis 3:12-13

III. The long-term consequences of that choice

- A. The snake was promised judgment - Genesis 3:14
- B. The devil (Satan) was promised judgment - Genesis 3:15
(this was the first promise that Christ would defeat Satan)
- C. The woman was promised judgment - Genesis 3:16
- D. The man was promised judgment - Genesis 3:17-19
- E. The Lord provided a covering for sin - Genesis 3:20-21
- F. The Lord protected them from living in sin forever - Genesis 3:22-24

3. Explain how the passage applies to our lives today

I. We also make choices when we are tempted to sin - Joshua 24:15

II. We experience the same immediate consequences when we sin

- A. Separation
- B. Fear
- C. Guilt
- D. Shame
- E. Blame

III. We can experience forgiveness if we repent because God sent Christ to defeat Satan by His death and resurrection and to pay the penalty for our sin - Romans 8:1

IV. God will begin reversing the effects of original sin as we take root in Christ and His love - Colossians 2:6-7; Ephesians 3:14-19

Hebrews 4:12 *For the word of God is living, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*