

NOURISHED BY THE WORD (PART 2)

I. So many translations!! Which one is right for me?

<u>Literal</u> (word-for-word)	<u>Dynamic Equivalent</u> (phrase-for-phrase)	<u>Paraphrase</u> (thought for thought)
KJV	NIV	The Message
NKJV	NLT	The Living Bible
NASB	NRSV	Good News Bible
ESV		

II. How do I prayerfully approach God's Word?

- Attitude #1 - "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."
(1 Samuel 3:10)
- Attitude #2 - "Lord, help me to approach Your Word with humility."
- Attitude #3 - "Lord, help me to not just read the text, but to enter the text."
- Attitude #4 - "Lord, guard me from refusing to act on what You have clearly said."

III. How do I start in my study time?

- What do I see? OBSERVATION
- What is this saying? INTERPRETATION
 - Always read in context!!
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C. What is this saying to me? APPLICATION

- Playing Jeopardy with the passage - If this is the answer, what is the question?
- Four kinds of applications:
 - Is there a duty to perform?
 - Is there thinking that needs to be changed?
 - Is there a habit to break or a habit to cultivate?
 - Is there a virtue to develop?

IV. How do I listen to the Spirit in my study time?

Study Questions for October 18

- Read Genesis, chapters four through eleven. What are the events that show us that the world is broken? What does each of these events say about humanity, in general?
- Read Genesis 11:1-9. How does what the people do flatly contradict what God tells humans to do in passages like Genesis 1:28 and 9:1? Why do you think this is the last event mentioned in Genesis 1-11 that describes the brokenness of the world?
- Read Genesis 12:1-3. In what ways does this passage contrast with Genesis 11:1-9? How is God reversing the downward spiral according to this passage?
- Read Acts 2:1-36. How does this passage contrast with Genesis 11:1-9? How is God reversing the course of history here?

For further study in learning to read the Bible...

- Living By The Book* by Howard Hendricks
- How To Read The Bible For All Its Worth* by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart
- Reading The Bible With Heart And Mind* by Tremper Longman
- An Introduction To Biblical Hermeneutics* by Walter Kaiser and Moises Silva
- Putting The Truth To Work* by Daniel Doriani