

Series: YAFI 2022 (11/13/22) PM

Title: How can I avoid falling into bad doctrine?

Text: (2 Timothy 2:15)

1. **The Natural Man:** (1 Cor 2:14)
2. **The Carnal Man:** (1 Cor 3:1-2)
3. **The Spiritual Man:** (1 Cor 2:12,15-16)

I. The Command to Study: (2 Tim 2:15)

A. In the Old Testament:

1. God's People were Commanded to Teach the Scriptures: (Deut 4:1-2,9; 6:6-9)
2. God's People were Commanded to Publicly Read the Scriptures: (Deut 31:10-13)
3. God's People were Commanded to Cherish the Scriptures: (Deut 31:24-26) (1 Sam 3:1) *Precious*
4. God's People were Commanded to Read the Scriptures: (Deut 17:18-20) (2 Kings 11:12)
5. God's People (Joshua) are Commanded to Meditate on the Scriptures: (Joshua 1:8; Ps 1:2)
6. God's People are Revived through Reading the Scriptures: (2 Chron 34:14-19, 29-33; Neh 8:1-10)
7. God's People are Kept from sin by Memorizing the Scriptures: (Ps 119:9,11)
8. God's People are to be Guided by the Scriptures: (Ps 119:105, 130)

B. In the New Testament:

1. The Scriptures are to be Known: (Matt 22:29)
2. The Scriptures are to be Searched: (John 5:39)
3. The Scriptures are to be Compared: (1 Cor 2:13d)
4. The Scriptures are to be Obeyed: (James 1:22)

5. The Scriptures are to be Applied: (Acts 20:32)

II. The Preparation For Study:

A. A Right Relationship with God:

1. The Bible Student must be born again: (1 Cor 2:14)
2. The Student of the Bible must be Spiritually minded: (1 Cor 2:15)

B. A Right Reliance upon the Holy Spirit: (1 Cor 2:12)

C. A Right Respect for the Word of God:

1. Respect For what it is:
 - a. It is from God: (2 Tim 3:16)
 - b. It is for Man: (John 20:31)
2. Respect For What it Says:
3. Respect For What it Gives:
 - a. The Bible gives Mental Instruction: (2 Tim 3:16-17)
 - b. The Bible gives Spiritual Inspiration: (Jer 23:29; Luke 24:32; Ps 39:3)
4. For What it Does:
 - a. It produces Faith: (Rom 10:17)
 - b. It produces Purity: (John 15:3, Jn 17:17)
 - c. It produces Knowledge: (Rom 15:4)
 - d. It produces Growth: (1 Pet 2:2)
 - e. It produces Works: (2 Tim 3:17)
 - f. It produces Fruit: (John 15:4-8)

D. A Right Reason for Studying the Bible:

1. Pride Must Be Absent: (1 Tim 3:6; 1 Thes 2:4)
2. Responsibility Recognized: (James 3:1)

III. How to Study the Bible:

- A. **Step One - Pray:** (Ps 119:18; 1 Sam 3:10g)
- B. **Step Two - Read:** (1 Tim 4:13)
- C. **Step Three Study:** (2 Tim 2:15)
1. Dissect:
 - a. Look for the “Periods”
 - b. Break into Phrases.
 - c. Pay close attention to Who, What, When Why Why.
 2. Define words you don’t understand:
www.webstersdictionary1828.com
- D. **Step Four - Meditate and make it personal:**
(Josh 1:8; Ps 39:3)
- E. **Step Five - Do:** (Ps 119:67; James 1:23, 25)

A successful four-fold approach to Bible Study is:

- Admit: *Be willing to open your heart to the Word of God.*
- Submit: *Accept what is written as a personal admonition.*
- Commit: *Hide the Word of God in your heart until it becomes part of your life and experience.*
- Transmit: *Pass on what you have received to others that they might also be blessed.*