

How to Study the Bible

Devotion or Devotions:

The great 19th century pastor, D. L. Moody once wrote a tract called **Devotions or Devotion**. Devotion is the internal commitment to a person or ideal, while devotions are an external act that may or may not reflect devotion. You can have devotions without having devotion since it is much easier to read a book or say a prayer than to live according to the principles espoused in them.

The Purpose of Teaching:

1. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. 2 Tim. 2:2
2. For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. Heb. 5:12
3. Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Col 1:28
4. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Principles of the Learner:

1. You Must KNOW God Wants You to Learn:
 - a. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2Ti 2:15
 - b. It is given to the disciples to know the things of the kingdom of God – Matt. 13
2. Learning is by Revelation More than by Instruction:
 - a. Ephesians 1:16-21
 - b. I Corinthians 2:9-16
3. God Gives us Teachers to help, but you have no need one teach you everything I John 2:27
4. The Purpose of Learning:
 - a. The gain of wisdom and understanding Prov. 2:2
 - b. To know Christ 1 Cor. 1:30
 - c. To live in accordance with what we know Ro 6:17
5. Be an Enthusiastically Cautious Learner
 - a. Matt 4:24
 - b. Luke 8:18
6. Commit to Teaching Others what You are Learning