

Let's Get Started

There are some basic beliefs and habits we must implement in order to be growing followers of Jesus. The foundational drill for Christian Basic Training is “knowing that you know that you know you have a relationship with Jesus.” Once you have that confidence, you can begin to develop an intimate prayer life by following the rules Jesus gave us in the Lord’s Prayer. Today’s Bible passages reveal the third drill for Jesus followers.

Do It Right

2 Timothy 2:15 NIV

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

What the Bible Is Good For

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Sermon in a Sentence:

The Bible can inform your ideas, reform your motives and transform your actions.

Informing Your Ideas

God’s ultimate plan is for you to be like Jesus so he begins by INFORMING YOUR IDEAS.

Reforming Your Motives

2. The Holy Spirit makes you more like Jesus by REFORMING YOUR MOTIVES.

Transforming Your Actions

3. As your ideas and motives change, the Spirit enables you to TRANSFORM YOUR ACTIONS.

Take a New Point of View

Church people and Jesus followers tend to view the Bible as a source of divine information. We argue over the information contained in its pages. Some believe parts of the Bible while others believe all of it. When we think of the Bible as an information source, we miss its primary purpose. God gave us the Bible to transform us – to make us like Jesus in our ideas, motives and acts. The Holy Spirit uses the truth of the Bible to counteract the lies we've believed. As he exposes us to the truth, he changes every area of our lives.

How to Read for Information & Transformation

Prepare to Hear God’s Voice: Breathe a silent prayer asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you through the Bible.

Read and Listen to It: Read your passage aloud several times until a word or phrase stands out to you.
Think About It Prayerfully

1. What word or phrase stands out to you?
2. What does the word or phrase mean in your passage?
3. Why do you think the Holy Spirit is drawing your attention to this word or phrase?
4. What is happening in your life that ties into this word or phrase?

Pray It: Put these verses into your own words as a prayer to your Heavenly Father. Thank God for His Word Prayerfully enjoy the Spirit's presence. Promise Jesus that with his help you will live out what the Bible says throughout the day.

Act on It: Do what the Bible prompted you to do.

What will you do?

Will you read the Bible to inform your ideas, reform your motives and transform your actions? On a scale of 1 to 10 how committed are you to spending more time in the Bible? 1 = Not much of a chance. 10 = I'm starting today.