

Tools for Mastering God's Word

Keys to Lasting Application



What is Application?

- The discipline of incorporating a Biblical truth into your life
- The steps involved in making God's Word personal.

Verses that Talk about Application

Ezra 7:10	Study First, then do it, then teach
Matthew 7:24-27	The wise man hears and does
Luke 6:46	If you call me Lord, do what I say
James 1:22	Not just hearers but doers
2 Timothy 3:16	All scripture is profitable for...
1. Teaching	Learn something new
2. Reproof	You are doing it wrong
3. Correction	Here is the way to do it
4. Training	Here is something to do

Types of Application

1. Is there some new truth to put faith in?
2. Is there some specific stand of faith to take?
3. Is there an example to follow?
4. Is there an example to avoid?
5. Is there a sin to forsake?
6. Is there a command to obey?
7. Is there a promise to act upon?
8. Have I learned new truths about God, Jesus Christ or the Holy Spirit?
9. Is there some difficulty (difficult passage) to explore further?
10. Is there something requiring prayer?
11. Is there an action that needs to be done?
12. Is there an attitude that needs to be changed?
13. Is there a relationship that needs attention?
14. Is there a need for counsel?

Written Steps of an Application

1. State the verse you are applying.
2. State what the verse is saying to you personally.
3. State what you feel your need is.
4. State what you are going to do.
5. State how you plan to check-up on yourself.

It is one thing to plan a course of action as a result of God's Word. It is another thing to actually follow through with the application. That is why a check-up plan is such a good idea. A check-up can take any number of shapes. It can be a note placed in a prominent place to remind you. Or it can be a trusted friend whom you ask for help and reminders.

The Bible was not given to increase our wisdom but to change our lives.