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Learning to “Absorb” Scripture

Colossians 3:16

Introduction: Remember the kids’ song “Read your Bible, Pray Every Day and you’ll Grow, Grow, Grow?” Is it that simple?

WHY should we read the Bible? Because...

God expects His people to regularly _____ His word.

⇒ This was true in the Old Testament with Israel.
(Deuteronomy 31:9-13, Joshua 8:34, 2 Kings 23:2, Nehemiah 8:1-3, 8)

⇒ It was also true in the New Testament with the early Church.
(1 Timothy 4:13, 1 Thessalonians 5:27, Colossians 4:16, 2 Peter 3:15-16)

The Word of Christ is supposed to _____ in us richly.
(Colossians 3:16)

So, why don’t we consistently DO it? Because...

1. “I don’t think God _____ if I do or not.”

2. “It’s not that _____ or useful.”

3. “It’s just..._____.”

4. “I don’t want to be held _____ for what I read.”

5. “The Bible is hard to _____ (and intimidating).”

6. “I can’t seem to structure my life to make _____ for it.”

7. “I don’t know where to _____ or _____ to actually do it.”

So, HOW do I “absorb” God’s Word?

Make an _____.

Decide _____ to “absorb” ahead of time.

Ask the text some basic _____.

_____ about what you “absorb.” (Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1:1-2, 2 Timothy 2:7)

_____ whatever you _____. (James 1:22-25)

_____ whatever you DON’T understand.

A Tool To Help:

Pick 1 of 3 Bible Reading Challenges booklets in the back (from Psalms, Mark, or Chronicles).

For 5 Days this coming week, follow the instructions in the booklet to “absorb” a chapter of the Bible each day.

Whenever you finish, grab another booklet and start over – and reach out to your pastor if you need any help!