



GEORGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

09th September 2018

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2 Tim. 2:15

2 Tim. 3:16-17

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Desire To Know God's Word

Understanding the Bible is no different. One of the factors involved in learning what the Bible teaches is really quite basic. It's the same principle that we found was necessary to learn anything. In order to understand the Bible you have to want to know. You must desire to learn the truth of God's word. The role desire plays is crucial. While it does not guarantee that you will know everything that you might want to know, or that any specific claim is true simply because you want it to be true, desire is still imperative if you really seek to understand the word of God.

In John 7:17 Jesus said: "If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority." Jesus taught that if anyone wants to do God's will he can know whether or not His teaching was authoritative. Note that desire precedes knowing. This is the key to knowing the truth of God's will. We must want to know it. The same principle is alluded to in Matthew 5:6: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled." What is the level of your desire for righteousness? Do you hunger and thirst for it? Are you just as concerned for knowing and doing God's word as you are for seeking to fill your stomach? Without this kind of desire to do God's will, we severely cripple our efforts to know God's will.

Ezra, the priest and scribe who figured so prominently in the restoration of Israel, had this desire. Ezra 7:10 describes this attitude: "For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel."

Is your heart prepared to seek God's law? Do you have the desire to want to know it more than anything else? That's what it will take to learn God's word. The writer of Proverbs teaches this in chapter 2, verses 1-9: "My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, and search for her as

for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly; He guards the paths of justice, and preserves the way of His saints. Then you will understand righteousness and justice, equity and every good path." Notice the number of words used in this passage that indicate desire. We must "receive" God's words. We must "treasure" his commands. We must "incline" our ears to wisdom. We must "apply" our hearts. We must "cry out for discernment." We must "lift up" our voices for understanding. We must "seek her as silver." We must "search for her as for hidden treasures." Only then will we know and understand God's will.

Perhaps no greater example of this desire can be found than that of Paul. Note his thoughts in Philippians 3:8-11:

"But indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead." Paul was willing to give up everything to have "the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus." Paul wanted to "know Him and the power of His resurrection." Do you have that kind of desire to know God's will? Without it, you will never know all God wants you to know. With it, you can know all the truth that God wants you to know to be saved (cf. Proverbs 23:23; John 8:32; 1 Peter 1:22).

Second in a series of 4 articles by
- Jody Apple

How To Study The Bible, Part 3

Learning how to study the Bible does not need to be difficult. We have learned two basic principles that are fairly simple: read to learn (know), and develop an intense desire to discover the truth.

We will now focus on a third principle that is just as basic. Reading is necessary to understand the meaning of scripture and, as we have noted, it must be reading with the goal of gaining knowledge. But, there exists an additional dimension to this principle of reading: We must read all that the scriptures have to say about a

subject in order to have a complete understanding of that subject. We must, in essence, get the whole truth.

THIS WEEK 09 September 2018	DUTY ROSTER	NEXT WEEK 16 September 2018
AM		AM
Leroy	SONG LEADER	Leroy
Leroy	ANNOUNCEMENTS	Reinhold
Leroy	SCRIPTURE & PRAYER	Reinhold
Leroy & Robert	AM SERVERS	Reinhold & Walter
Walter	LORD'S SUPPER	Leroy
Danny	PREACHING	Danny
Robert	CLOSING PRAYER	Walter

Today's Songs

Song 1 (276)	Jesus Is All the World To Me
Song 2 (257)	I Need Thee Every Hour
Song 3 (345)	Love Lifted Me
Song 4 (471)	Shall We Gather At the River

Rain & Thankfulness for the current rainfall

Estelle & Her Son Ryan

Sheree

Meghan & Stephnie

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Prayer Requests



Happy Anniversary!!!

Van Der Walt	07 September
Kaber	13 September
Wilson	24 September

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Robin and Shirley will be away until sometime in September; Lynn will be away for a few weeks; Sheree having problems with her back, Meghan & Stephnie's uncle passed away; raining in Oudtshoorn.

Title & Opening Scripture	"PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE" Pro 3:1-12
Other Scriptures	•Lk 10:27 •1 Jn 4:16 •Jms 1:17 •Jn 3:16 •1 Jn 2:25 •Rev 14:9-11 •1 Cor 6:20 •1 Tim 2:6 •Rom 6:1-4 •Rom 8:1-5 •Jms 4:13-16 •

Sunday School Teachers

09 th Sep	Antoinette
16 th Sep	Christine
23 rd Sep	Derese
30 th Sep	Combined

"Eats" Roster September 2018

02 nd September	Tea
09 th September	Tea
16 th September	Tea
23 rd September	Tea



Robert	12 September
Erika	15 September
Gus (jnr)	29 September

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