

Day 24

John 8.31

2 Timothy 3.16

James 1.25

Day 24- Transformed by Truth

We are transformed when we replace the lies in our lives with truth. The Bible is a source of truth for our lives. The Bible is not simply a book, it is God's Word, which is active. It is alive and can give you truth and life, but we must first work on bringing the Bible into our lives on a daily basis.

First we must accept that the Bible is true. Not that it is true in parts or that it is a pretty good book, but that what is written inside is exactly what God intended to tell you. It is either absolutely true or not. What good is a compass if every time it goes to west, you say, "This compass doesn't know what west is. It must be something else." We either have to trust it fully or we don't really trust it at all.

Once we believe that the Bible is absolutely true, we must find out what it has to say. What good is knowing someone who has all the answers if you never ask the questions? There are five ways to get into the Bible and learn what it has to say.

Receive it. When you get ready to read it, prepare yourself to find truth and accept that truth when you do.

Read the Bible. How can you expect to find out what it has to say if you never look? It is sad that we expect that five minutes of Bible reading a week can compete with two hours of television. Television itself is not bad, but it certainly isn't the truth.

Research it. When you read the Bible, interact with it. Choose to write down things that you wonder about or insights that you find. The difference between reading the Bible and studying it is asking the right questions. Ask who, what, when, where, why, and how.

Remember it. So many people lie and say, "I can't memorize scripture." That says they aren't trying. You can memorize. You know your phone number. You probably know a friend's number. That proves you can memorize. You likely know your phone number because you kept working at it until you learned it; then you use it every so often. It is the same with scripture. The more we work at it, the more we are able to remember it.

Reflect on it. Think about what you read during the day. Don't just read it once and forget about it.

Now apply it. Take what you find out and put it into practice. It will likely take a lot of work in figuring out what to do then doing it, but by doing it you are fulfilling your purpose and transforming your life. It will be worth it.

Thinking about my purpose:

Know. The truth transforms me.

Remember. "If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." -John 8.31 (KJV)

Think about it. What do I know that God wants me to do that I am not doing? How can I start doing it today?