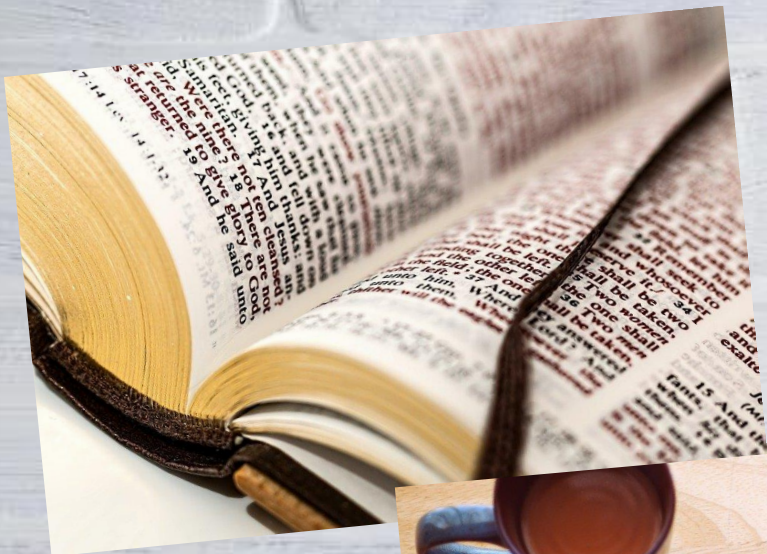




Getting the Message 1





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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. 2 Timothy 2:15.





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26th May - Have I prayed?

- What does it say?

30th June - What did it mean then?

21st July - How does it apply now?

Observation – Meaning – Application





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1) Have I prayed...?

- If it goes without saying it needs to be said!
- Eph 1:17 *“I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that you may know him better”.*
- 2 Tim 2:7 *“Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this”.*
- John Owen





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For someone... “solemnly to undertake the interpretation of any portion of Scripture without invocation of God, to be taught and instructed by his Spirit, is a high provocation on him; nor shall I expect the discovery of truth from anyone who thus proudly engages in a work so much above his ability”.

John Owen quoted in “The Word became Fresh”, Dale Ralph Davis.





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2) What does it say?

- Reading the Bible is not rocket science!
- Read, re-read and read! Scribble!
- Read it in its context!



1 Tim 6:10 KJV

For the love of
money is the root of all evil.



Matthew 7:24-27

‘Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.’



Colossians 1:15-20

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.





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2) What does it say?

- Reading the Bible is not rocket science!
- Read, re-read and read! Scribble!
- Read it in its context! (written as books)
- Look for:
 - Keywords
 - Connections
 - Vocabulary
 - Themes
 - Structure
- Sum up:
 - What's it saying about God?



Psalm 1

¹ Blessed is the one

who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,

² but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law day and night.

³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither –
whatever they do prospers.

⁴ Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

⁶ For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

- Look for:
 - Keywords
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Resources

Books

- Dig Deeper 1, 2, 3 – Andrew Sach et al [here](#).
- How to read the Bible for all its worth- Fee & Stuart
- “Just for starters” foundational bible studies [here](#).

Online

- 4 sermons at CCH on “Why the Bible?” [here](#).
- “The Word 1 2 1” sharing bible with a friend [here](#).
- Shai Linne, rap “Expository Preaching” [here](#).

Chat to Charlie or a lifegroup leader for more ideas.

