

A practical adventure in the Word of God

For the word of God is living and active.
Hebrews 4:12a

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly
Colossians 3:16a

How can I let the Word of God be living and active in my life?

Here is a template that you can use to study and apply any Scripture.



1. Listen

- Intently (James 1:22 – 25). Ask yourself: "What is my intention for reading this Scripture?"
- Remove all noise.
- Read the Scripture multiple times, listening carefully each time.

2. Pray

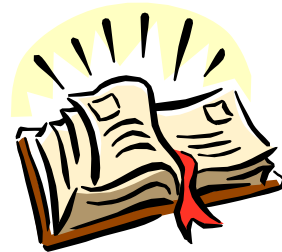
- For wisdom (James 1:5).
- For insight (2 Tim. 2:7 and Psalm 119:18).
- To know God better (Eph. 1:17).

3. Discover

- Outline what the passage is saying.
- Look at its context.
- Ask questions, digging deeply into the meanings of the words and phrases.

4. Apply

- What do we learn from this Scripture?
- How can I apply it in my life today?



Applications:

a) Pick a Scripture, get a journal to write in, and apply this process. Of course, adapt or improve the details given here to best meet your needs. Here are just a few suggestions for Scriptures, but obviously the whole Bible is at your fingertips:

- Matthew 7:12
- Matthew 11:28 – 30
- Colossians 3:12
- Romans 14:19
- James 1:19 – 20
- James 5:7

b) **30-Day Challenge.** Begin each day reminding yourself to apply what God is teaching you in the Scripture you picked. Take a moment at mid-day to remind yourself of that decision. Then close each day with reflecting on how it went.

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