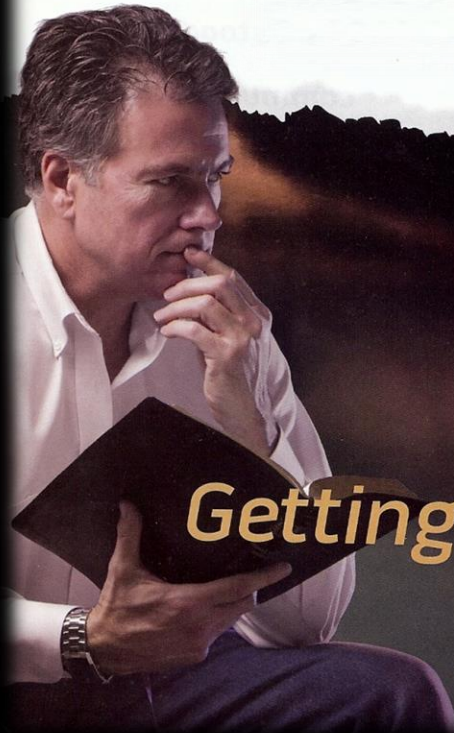
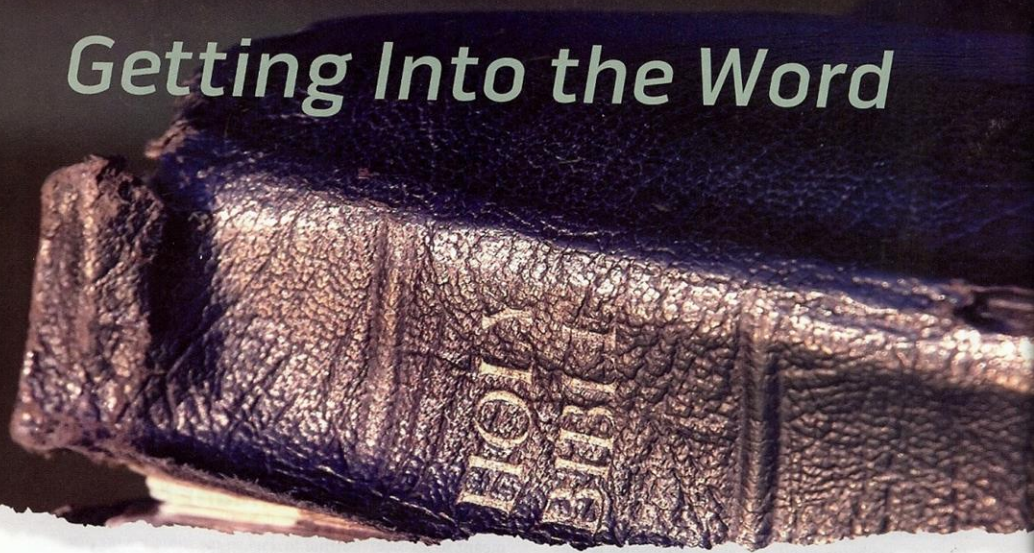


*Getting Into the Word*

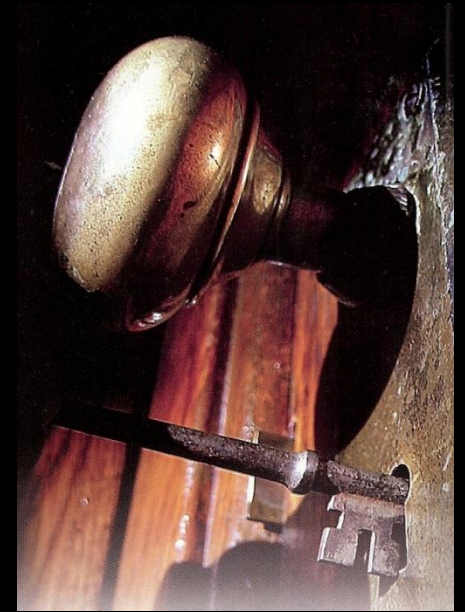


*Getting the Word Into You*

- One of the greatest problems facing the church today is that we have Christians who are under the teaching of the Word of God but they are not in it for themselves - *“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”*  
*II Timothy 2:15*
- Being under the teaching of the Word of God should stimulate us to get into the Word ourselves. It should not be a substitute – *(see Psalms 119)*

# Why Should I Study the Bible for Myself?

- *Commandment – Matthew 4:4*
- *Growth – I Peter 2:2*
- *Maturity – Hebrews 5:13-14*
- *Guidance – II Timothy 3:16-17*
- *Cleansing from sin – John 15:3; Ephesians 5:26*
- *Victory over sin – Psalm 119:9*
- *Wisdom – Psalms 1*
- *Blessing – Revelation 1:3*
- *Love for the Lord – I John 2:5*

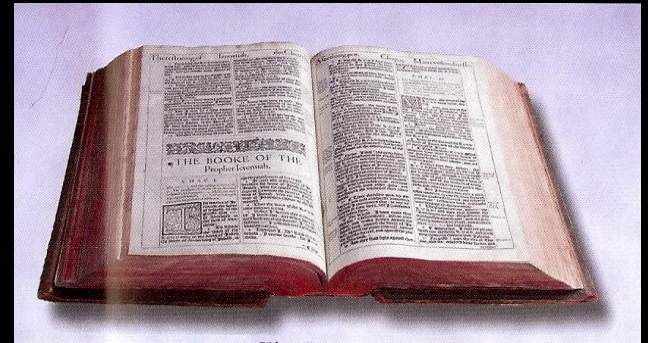




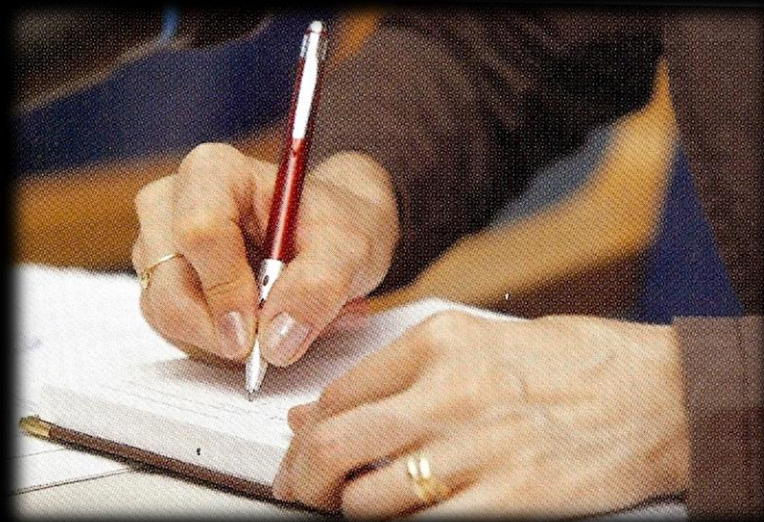
# Getting into the Word for Yourself

## *“Some simple suggestions”*

- *Make time for Bible study – Ephesians 5:16*
- *Ask for understanding – Psalms 119:18*
- *Develop your own personal plan –*
  - *Read the Bible through in a year*
  - *Study a book of the Bible*
  - *Study passages*
  - *Study the life of Christ or other Bible characters*
  - *Study subjects or topics*
  - *Invest in a good Bible computer program – (Power Bible CD)*



- Read with pen in hand (Jot down the following) –
  - *What you have learned*
  - *How God has spoken to you*
  - *How God has encouraged you*
  - *How God has convicted you of sin*
  - *Repentance*
  - *Underline special passages*
  - *Write down cross references*
  - *Journal your spiritual life*
  - *Write down dates*



- Turn Bible reading into prayer – *Psalms*
  - If you are reading about holiness turn that into a personal prayer for holiness.
  - If you are reading about the glory of God take time to worship and praise Him for His power and great glory.
  - If you are reading about the consequences of sin ask God to produce within you a “*Fear of the Lord.*”
  - If you are reading about the good character of a Bible personality ask the Lord to develop that character in you.

# Example

*(Psalms 15:4)*

*“He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.”*

*“Lord, I recall some promises I have made that, although painful, I need to keep. Forgive me, Lord, for breaking my commitment to \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Help me today to make that right, and to become the type of righteous person this psalm addresses.”*



*“Lord, I also want to pray for \_\_\_\_\_, who is considering divorce and claims to be a Christian. Please bless him and lead him in the way of righteousness. Please give him courage to stay with his wife and give me an opportunity to talk with him and encourage him.”*





Put into practice what you  
have learned

*“This book of the law shall not depart out  
of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate  
therein day and night, that thou mayest  
observe to do according to all that is  
written therein: for then thou shalt make  
thy way prosperous, and then thou  
shalt have good success.”*

*(Joshua 1:8)*

