**Living Like Jesus – Bible practices**

1. **Hear God’s Word**

***Blessed are those who hear the word of the God and keep it! Lk. 11:28***

1. **Hearing God’s word leads to faith in God**

*Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God – Rm. 10:17*

We hear by hearing God’s word read, preached or taught

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1. **Hearing God’s word we learn God’s word – Phil 4:9**
2. **Hearing God’s word saves you**

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1. **Hearing God’s word grows you up in Christlikeness – 1Pet. 2:2**

*Like newborn babies long for the pure milk of the word, so that you may grow in respect to salvation*

**Practices for hearing God’s word**

1. Hear it attentively
2. Hear it personally
3. Hear it faithfully
4. Hear it believingly
5. Hear it obediently
6. **Read God’s word**

***Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God - Mt. 4:4***

*Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God*

1. **Read God’s word with discipline – 2 Tim. 3:16**

*All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness*

1. **Read God’s word with preparation – Ps. 119:18**

*Open my eyes, that I may behold wonderful things from your law*

1. **Read God’s word with commitment & time**
2. **Read God’s word with a reading plan in order – 5 x 5 x 5 – on website**
3. **Read God’s word with notes – journal what you discover**
4. **Read God’s word with markings in your bible**
5. **Study God’s word**

***Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so***

***Acts 17:11***

1. Study God’s word reflectively – ask what do I see, observe? What do I need to obey, what do I need to learn?
2. Study God’s word Book by book & verse by verse

As you are reading God’s word note key verses & review the verse seeking to understand the meaning

1. Study God’s word – **word study**

Look up the word in all the places in the bible in a concordance and read them, compare them.

1. Study God’s word – **character study** – Study the life of God’s people of faith

**Practices in study**

1. Record your findings from your study paper journal, computer, or tablet
2. Review your finding from your study – pray through them, apply them
3. Bible Study requires:

Repetition

Concentration

Comprehension

Reflection

**Tools for Bible Study**

1. A bible you can mark and make notes in
2. A study bible with notes -
3. A concordance – Crudens concordance, or blueletterbible.org
4. The new Matthew Henry commentary – good starter commentary

**Home work for the week**

Day 1 – Prepare & attend worship practice listening – hearing the preaching of the Word of God

Day 2 – Read a chapter of God’s word – choose a reading plan if you do not already have one

Day 3 – Choose a chapter you have read in your bible to study. Choose the verse that God seems to be presenting to your mind. Study the verse & apply it.

A Glory Gilds the Sacred Page

A glory gilds the sacred page,
Majestic like the sun;
It gives a light to every age;
It gives, but borrows none.

The Spirit breathes upon the Word
And brings the truth to sight;
Precepts and promises afford
A sanctifying light.

Let everlasting thanks be Thine
For such a bright display.
As makes a world of darkness shine
With beams of heavenly day.

My soul rejoices to pursue
The steps of Him I love,
Till glory breaks upon my view
In brighter worlds above.

—by William Cowper (1731–1800)