

Connect with God through the Scriptures

(Includes Priscilla Shirer's 5 P's for Bible Reading)

Pilgrimage – A deeper understanding of and intimacy with our triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - is a lifetime pilgrimage, not an overnight accomplishment.

Position Yourself to Hear from God

Plan Your Starting Point for Reading Scripture

Pour over, ponder the passage, and paraphrase the significant points – Read slowly; quality, not quantity. Paraphrase a passage (2-3 verses) in your own words.

Pull out the spiritual principles from your paraphrase – what does God want you to know through these Scriptures? Is there a command to follow? Is there a promise to heed? What attribute or characteristic of the Lord is revealed in the passage?

Pose the question – turn your observations into personal questions regarding the text. Am I heeding this command or directive? Do I believe that promise? Do I believe God is Who He reveals Himself to be in this passage?

Plan obedience – The Lord speaks to convict, encourage, and redirect. Plan to obey God. (James 1:22-25)

Preach God's Word to yourself and others – Write your focus Scriptures on an index card to read throughout the day and week. Share what you are learning - someone else may need to hear the same message the Lord gave you.

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.