



“Living by the Book”

Matthew 7:24-27

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The Wise Man and the Foolish Man

1. The wise man and the foolish man both heard the word of Christ. The only difference between them is one acted upon the word of Christ, and one did not.
2. It is not good enough simply to read God’s Word, you must change the way you think, the way you speak, and the way you live, based on what you read.

“The ultimate goal of Bible study is not to do something to the Bible, but to allow the Bible to do something to you.”

Howard Hendricks

Four steps to applying the Bible*

- a. Know the Scripture.
- b. Relate the Scripture.
- c. Meditate on the Scripture.
- d. Practice the Scripture.

3. Your life should be: read Bible; obey Bible; repeat.
4. If you feel overwhelmed, ask yourself: what is one change I can make, in my thoughts, attitudes, words or actions?

“Get started. Does your plan begin with a phone call? Then pick up the phone. Does it start by rearranging your schedule? Then rearrange it. Do you plan to reevaluate your giving habits in light of your budget? Then sit down and update your budget so that you have the information you need. The first step is always the hardest. But take it. Don’t put it off.” Howard Hendricks

5. Study Scripture in a group.

*The four steps to applying the Bible are taken directly from “Living by the Book” by Howard Hendricks.