

## Intro: Updating the Odyssey

### - Three Challenges (& Solutions) to Bible Reading Today

Problem 1- As we discuss the spiritual practice of Bible reading, one of the problems we have to face is this \_\_\_\_\_.

It is true that the Bible can be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to understand.

Solution: We want to approach the Bible with \_\_\_\_\_. We believe that it is the \_\_\_\_\_ means by which God \_\_\_\_\_

Himself to us, in such a way that we can \_\_\_\_\_ Him and

\_\_\_\_\_ in a faithful relationship with Him.

Problem 2- the Bible does require our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_,

but there are many \_\_\_\_\_ things also competing for our time and attention.

Anything in life of great \_\_\_\_\_ takes \_\_\_\_\_. This includes \_\_\_\_\_ God through His Word.

Solution: We have to \_\_\_\_\_ how to \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible and make it something \_\_\_\_\_.

Problem 3- In a time when \_\_\_\_\_ authority is less \_\_\_\_\_,

we must allow the Bible to have authority over our personal \_\_\_\_\_.

Solution: We should not examine the Bible to \_\_\_\_\_ it, but

rather we allow the Bible to \_\_\_\_\_ me and \_\_\_\_\_

me... The Bible requires an attitude of \_\_\_\_\_ and

submission.

The Bible \_\_\_\_\_ to us with an authority that other writings do \_\_\_\_\_ have.

### - Ideas to Develop Your Spiritual Practice of Bible Reading...

Have a Bible reading \_\_\_\_\_ that goes with some kind of

\_\_\_\_\_ book. And, designate a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to develop a routine.

Lectio Divina – A \_\_\_\_\_ and more \_\_\_\_\_ way of reading the Bible.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the Text

2. \_\_\_\_\_ the Text

3. \_\_\_\_\_ the Text

4. \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord

### Conclusion: -

\_\_\_\_\_ does not come just from learning the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible, but wisdom comes to those who \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible in faith, in love, and in obedience.

### Questions for Further Reflection or Discussion:

- 1) Do you have a plan for Bible reading that you can share for others? An app that you use? A reading plan? A devotional guide?
- 2) Which of the 3 challenges mentioned today is the hardest one for you? (understanding the Bible, having enough time, or submitting to the Bible's authority)?
- 3) What can you change in your life that will allow you to better encounter God through the spiritual discipline of Bible meditation?