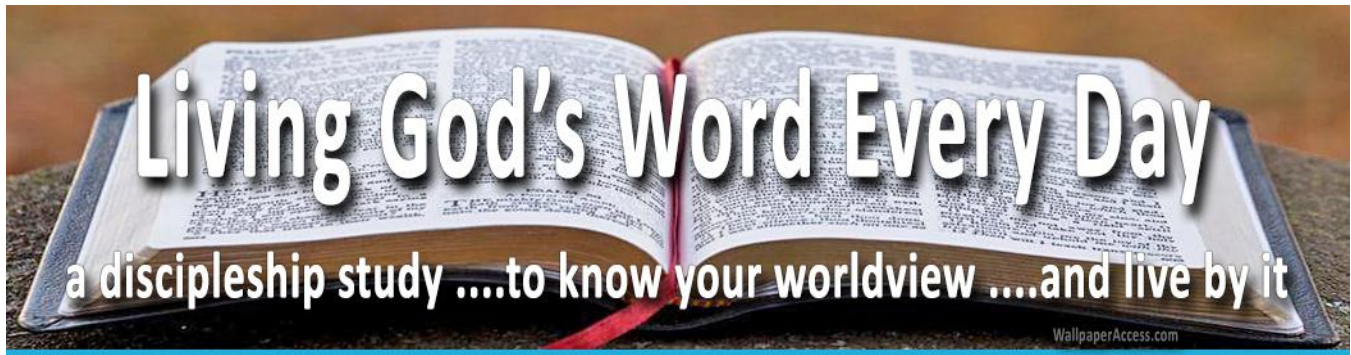




Know “How?” to study your Bible....

STUDY ASSIGNMENT

Go to ***KnowYourWorldview.org*** and read **Chapters 20 – 21**. Quoting Charles Spurgeon, *“The more you read the Bible, and the more you meditate on it, the more you will be astonished with it.”* And grow in your knowledge of God.



Have you ever wondered what makes God smile?

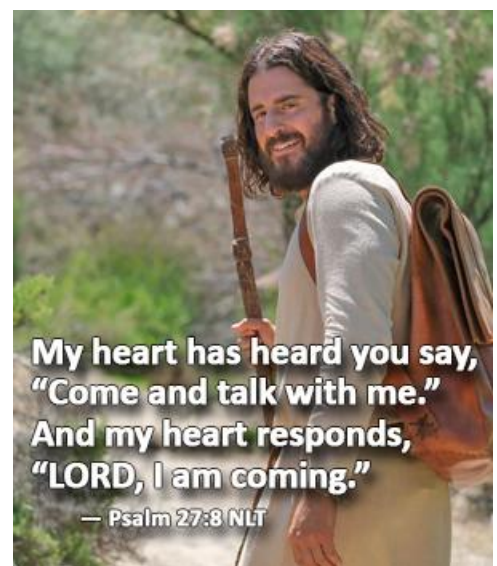
Isn’t it when our hearts desire to know Him more, ...to seek Him. We want to be with Jesus, as He wants to be with us. God smiles when we truly love Him. Not casually; not occasionally. As Jesus said in Matthew 22:37,

“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.”

Love always moves toward presence, and you want to be with Jesus. So, to make God smile, we start here loving God with all our Heart, Soul, and Mind.**When you love God....**

- You spend time with Him
- You talk with Him
- You listen for His voice

You spend time in God’s presence, ...not out of obligation, but desire. A rushed, distracted life doesn’t reflect love well. But when someone slows down and seeks God, it says something powerful — **“Being with You matters to me.”** That never goes unnoticed with God.



Let’s talk about it...

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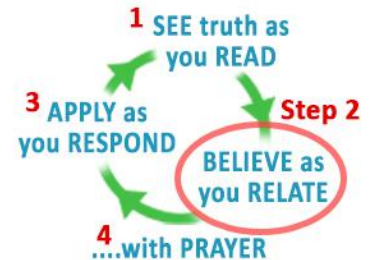
Question 1: How to RELATE God’s TRUTHS to our life’s circumstances?

Previously in Journal 7, we discussed Step 1: “SEE Truth as you READ” God’s Word for our “3Rs + Prayer” Bible Study approach.

Now let’s discuss Step 2: “BELIEVE as you RELATE”. The question is.... “How?” do we RELATE to seeing TRUTHS in God’s Word, ...so we can BELIEVE that such TRUTHS will make a difference in our lives?

What is our responsibility in “RELATING”, ...so we can “BELIEVE”?

“Read > Relate > Respond” Bible Study Approach



Recall in chapter 20, our online discussion about the 6 steps of Bloom’s Taxonomy:

....How does **1. Remember** God’s Word....

....lead us to **2. Understand** and **3. Apply** God’s Truth in our lives?

THEN, with the Holy Spirit’s help,

....how do we **4. Analyze** and **5. Evaluate** our life’s choices, beliefs, values, ...in the reality of the worldview we each **6. Create**? How does that work?

Let’s talk about it as we do a “Bloom’s Taxonomy process” on the following scripture....

Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, **fix your attention on God. YOU’LL BE CHANGED FROM THE INSIDE OUT. Readily RECOGNIZE WHAT HE WANTS from you, and quickly RESPOND TO IT.** Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, ...**GOD BRINGS THE BEST OUT OF YOU, DEVELOPS WELL-FORMED MATURITY IN YOU.** — Romans 12:2 MSG

 **1 REMEMBER** scripture you’ve thought about and learned, ...see Psalm 119:11. Meditate on Romans 12:2 and **identify what details you need to REMEMBER.**

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 **2 UNDERSTAND** the benefits of what you’ve learned, ...see Psalm 119:105. Ponder Romans 12:2 and **explain what knowledge you UNDERSTAND from God’s Word.**

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....continue Question 1: answering how do we **RELATE** to God’s TRUTHS?



- 3 APPLY** “knowledge of God” learned into your life’s circumstances, ...see 2 Peter 1:3-8.
Consider Romans 12:2 and **describe what is relevant that you will APPLY in your life.**

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- 4 ANALYZE** outcomes of your worldview choices in life, ...see Romans 12:2.
Scrutinize your life choices with Romans 12:2 and **detail any issues you should resolve.**



- 5 EVALUATE** “God’s TRUTH” in your worldview choices, ...see Philippians 4:8-9.
Critique your life’s choices with Romans 12:2, ...**describe the results of your appraisal.**

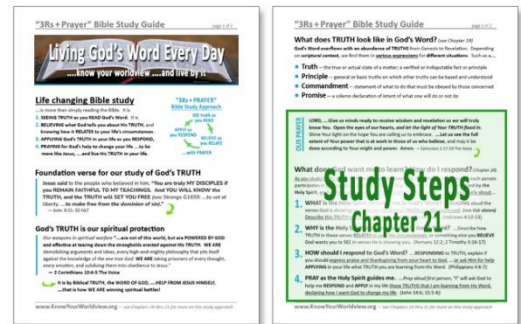


- 6 CREATE** the reality of God’s Word into your life’s story, ...see Colossians 3:10.
Outline steps to continue building your Biblical worldview using principles learned.

Question 2: How to use “3Rs + Prayer” Bible study in small groups?



In **Chapter 21** at the bottom of the online page, select the download link for **“3Rs + Prayer” Bible Study Guide**. Print the Guide as 2 pages or 1 page double-sided.



To prepare for our group session below 2, read online....

- Know “How?” to study your Bible (*in Chapter 21*), and
- What can Zacchaeus tell us about Jesus? (*see Matthew 19:1-10 discussion in Chapter 21*)

Let's begin group study with Our Prayer....

OUR PRAYER

LORD, ...Give us minds ready to receive wisdom and revelation so we will truly know You. Open the eyes of our hearts, and let the light of Your TRUTH flood in. Shine Your light on the hope You are calling us to embrace. Let us see the FULL EXTENT of YOUR POWER that is AT WORK IN THOSE OF US WHO BELIEVE, and may it be done according to Your might and power. Amen. — Ephesians 1:17-19 The Voice



Today, our small group is reading **Matthew chapter 19**. Each person shares in reading aloud the Bible chapter we are studying today, as we read through the Bible, chapter-by-chapter. Then, as led by the Holy Spirit, each person shares what TRUTH they “SEE” in scripture following these 4 steps:

1. WHAT is the Holy Spirit helping me “SEE” in God's Word?

From Matthew 19:1-9, **READ** aloud the verses God is showing you, identifying what Biblical TRUTH you “SEE” expressed. Is that TRUTH a Truth, Principle, Commandment, or a Promise?

 Describe the TRUTH you “SEE” in Biblical context. What is happening here?

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....continue Question 2: How to use “3Rs + Prayer” Bible study in small groups?

2. WHY is the Holy Spirit showing me this TRUTH in God's Word?



Describe how Biblical TRUTH in these verses RELATES to your life's circumstances, or perhaps something else you BELIEVE God wants you to SEE in verses the Holy Spirit is showing you.

3. HOW should I “RESPOND” to God's Word?



RESPONDING to God’s TRUTH, explain to your group if you should express thanksgiving and praise from your heart to God, ...or ask Him for help APPLYING in your life what TRUTH you are learning from His Word. Describe what you believe God wants you to do about it?

4. PRAY for God’s help as the Holy Spirit guides me.



Knowing you want to APPLY in your life those TRUTHS you are learning from God's Word, **pray aloud in the first person ("I, me, my") asking God for help RESPONDING to His TRUTH in your life.** Your friends could join you in prayer, as they are led by the Holy Spirit.

Write your prayer....

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“Living God’s Word Every Day” is a discipleship study to think and write about your worldview.

Writing is a processing step to express personal beliefs and values for making choices in life.

Ask a friend or study group to “challenge you” as a safe-space to learn how to tell your story about “Why?” you believe “What?” about life with Jesus as Savior, Lord, and Friend.

Acts 1:8