

Chapter Eighteen Workbook:

The Word Hand

Scripture Memory: Ezra 7:10

For Ezra had set his heart to study the law of the LORD, and to practice it, and to teach His statutes and ordinances in Israel.

Also

Draw the Word Hand From Memory without the verses

Scripture Review:

Revelation 22:18 & 19

II Timothy 3:16

II Peter 1:21

Deuteronomy 29:29

Isaiah 55: 8 & 9

Hebrews 4:12

I Thessalonians 4:2

Psalm 19: 7 & 8

Hebrews 9:15

Luke 1:1 – 4

Deuteronomy 29:29

Matthew 13:10 & 11

II Peter 1:20

I Corinthians 4:6

Genesis 1:3 & facts

John 12:48

II Timothy 4:3

Deuteronomy 4:2

I Thessalonians 2:13

I Peter 1:20, 24 & 25

I Thessalonians 4:2

Ezra 7:10

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A Diagnostic Tool For Discipleship

As I reflect back upon my life and the life of my contemporaries, I can think of no single item that is held in such reverence, so carefully owned, so carefully carried and yet so little used, as is the Word of God. In my travels and speaking I often ask this question,

“How many own a copy of the Word of God?” and the response is almost unanimous.

A second question, “How many have owned a copy of the Word of God since their childhood?” again, an almost universal affirmative response.

A third question, “How many have read through the entire Word of God, reading every page, every word?” and yet here I get only a smattering.

A fourth question, “How many have a reading program, whereby they are reading through the Word of God each year?” and on this question I am lucky to find one person, many times none at all.

So you see my point. All there would affirm the Bible as the Word of God. All would proudly produce their personal volume, many times expensive leather with gold leaf pages of the highest quality. Most if not all would attest that at sometime in their childhood they received their first copy of the Word of God. Yet most have never read it through once and almost none read it through on a regular basis. This discrepancy between avowed reverence and the reality or practice never ceases to amaze me and even as I write I do so in almost disbelief.

For this reason it is good to have a diagnostic tool handy for our personal discipleship skills. Many of us use diagnostic tools on a day to day basis. The doctor has his stethoscope, the nurse, the thermometer; the mechanic has the tire gauge; the craftsman, a level and the list goes on. Almost every profession has a diagnostic tool whereby they can either evaluate a problem or gauge the progress and quality of their work.

In the area of personal discipleship and the Word of God, the Word Hand is an invaluable diagnostic tool. By it we can both evaluate our problem or gauge the progress of our walk with God.

A tire may look full, but the tire gauge may reveal a slow leak. A table may look level, but the level may reveal shoddy craftsmanship. A computer may respond fine, but a virus program may reveal imminent disaster. Even so, our walk with God may look to ourselves and to others as zipping along, when in fact we in real problem, we have a slow leak, we are out of level with the standard of God’s excellence, we have a spiritual problem that is waiting to explode the myth of our appearance.

In this first section we will...

- cover the Word Hand

- illustrate it’s use as a diagnostic tool

- use it to diagnose our own walk with God

- cover each section to fully understand the principles involved.

Read I Peter 1:6 – 9. In this passage a common diagnostic tool is used to illustrate the purifying of our faith by trials. This diagnostic tool is still in use today. What is it and how is it used?

In the space below, list diagnostic tools which you use in your profession or daily life.

Read Hebrews 5:12 – 6:3. From this passage, what is one way that you can distinguish between an adult and a baby?

What application does the writer make in terms of our spiritual lives?

What are some differences in the approach of a baby Christian to a mature Christian, as it pertains to the Word of God? (List them below)

Baby Christian

Mature Christian

The Word Hand

I Chronicles 5:18

“The sons of Reuben and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, ... valiant men, men who bore shield and sword ... were skillful in battle...who went to war”

“in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left,” II Corinthians 6:7

for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. II Corinthians 10:4

Introduction: The Sword Of The Spirit – Ephesians 6:17 *...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

A. The Bible does not assign an offensive or defensive designation to the armor.

B. The Word of God is the Holy Spirit’s weapon of choice.

1. He does not look to the other weapons so attractive to man.

“satan’s only hope is that we will choose other weapons. He will even supply them to us if we will make the change. Matt 7:22” Idemeter 11/97

Read

Deuteronomy 17:18 – 20: What will you say when you meet John Hus, 7 Martyrs of Lewis, What does it mean when you stop listening to somebody

Study

Ezra 7:10; II Timothy 2:15 – 1.
Reasons you do not study: 1. Plan to fail or 2. Auditing the course 2.
Contrast with Matthew 23:1 - 4

Hear

Romans 10:17

Hebrews 2:1

Who speaks and you take notes...

1. Professor
2. Internal audit
3. Systems manager
4. Benefits department
5. Directions

Most people hear and think...

1. I would do a better job
2. Wish I could take this guy out to lunch and

II Timothy 2:15
It is true you do not have to, but why don't you want to?

Memorize

Psalms 119:9, 11

Proverbs 4:21

1. Facts you memorize
2. Numbers
3. Whv – Important

Meditate

Psalms 119: 97

Psalms 119:147, 148

Everybody meditates...

1. Relationships
2. Wrongs
3. Goals
4. Possessions
5. Music
6. Movies

“... we have seen today that God speaks with man, yet he lives.”

Deuteronomy 5:24

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Romans 10:17; Hebrews 2:1

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