

SWORD DRILL: HOW TO USE YOUR BIBLE

"Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." Ephesians 6:17

1. OWN A SWORD

You can't train to use a _____ if you don't have one. Having a Bible of your own is critical!

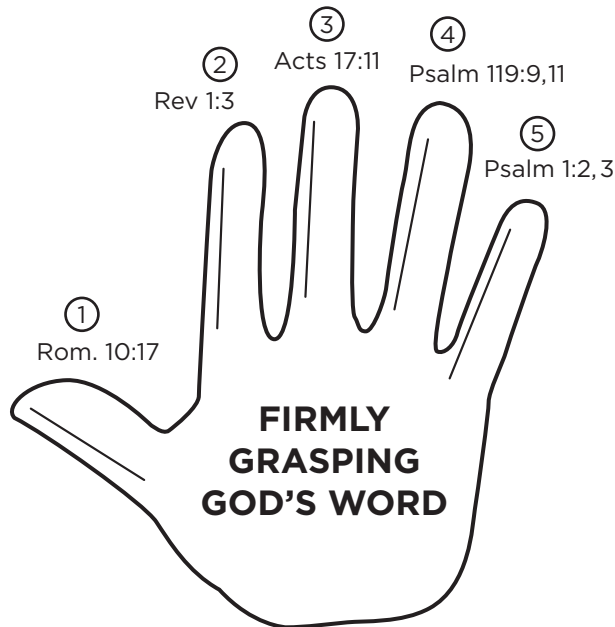
2. ABSORB THE WORD

Think of yourself as a _____. You need to immerse yourself in the Bible. Then when you get _____, God's word will come out.

3. PICK A TRANSLATION

WORD FOR WORD	THOUGHT FOR THOUGHT	PARAPHRASE
NASB New American Standard Bible	ESV English Standard Version	NIV New International Version
	NLT New Living Translation	THE MESSAGE by Eugene Peterson

4. HOW TO ABSORB THE WORD



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5. READ IT BOOK BY BOOK

_____ is very important

→ Read for comprehension before you jump to application ←

What is the content and the intent of the author?

6. KNOW THE _____

Knowing the genre helps you understand the context

Historical Narrative: Genesis, Exodus (first half), Numbers, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1&2 Samuel, 1&2 Kings, 1&2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Jonah, and Acts

Law: Exodus (second half), Leviticus, Deuteronomy

Wisdom: Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes

Poetry: Psalms, Song of Solomon, Lamentations

Prophecy: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

Apocalyptic: Daniel, Revelation

Gospel: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and Acts

Epistle (or Letter): Romans, 1&2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1&2 Thessalonians, 1&2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1&2 Peter, 1,2&3 John, and Jude

7. READ WITH A _____

FIND PLANS HERE!

<http://www.biblegateway.com> (the jocks)

<http://www.blueletterbible.org> (the nerds)

<http://www.youversion.com> (the cool kids)

<http://biblia.com> (the nerds who think they're cool)

8. READ IN COMMUNITY

The people you live with: _____

The people you like to be around: _____

The people who lead you: _____

The people who know more: _____

9. USE SUPPLEMENTS

Navigators: <http://www.navpress.com>
(free studies at <http://www.navigators.org/us/ministries/college/navfusion/resources/bible-studies>)

Beth Moore: <http://www.lproof.org>

Kay Arthur's Precepts: <http://precept.org>

Sermon Podcasts: (use with caution)

10. PRAY!

Pray! I put it last because it is so very important to pray when you study the Bible

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