

### Week #5 – Application – How Does it Work?, Part 1

#### Preface

If we stop at **Interpretation**, then we've missed the whole point. Only when we **apply** the Bible to our lives do we show that we truly understand it.

*"Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror (24) and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like."*

- James 1:23-24

The Bible was not written to satisfy our curiosity, but to change our lives!

#### Obstacles to Applying the Bible

1. Oftentimes, the problems of life do not have a clear cut **solution**.
2. We often lack **insight** as to how to apply the truths of Scripture.
3. We experience many **pressures** from the culture, even within the church.
4. **Presuppositions** and biblical truth come in conflict.

#### Continuously Ask is There a/an ...

... **Example** to follow?  
(Paul – 1 Corinthians 11:1 – imitators of Jesus Christ)

... **Sin** to avoid?

... **Promise** to claim?  
(Promise of eternal life; assurance, etc.)

... **Prayer** to recite?  
(*Matthew 6:9-13; Nehemiah 1:4-11; Psalms; Ephesians 3:14-21*)

... **Command** to obey?  
(*over 50 clear commands in the book of James*)

... **Condition** to meet?  
(*John 15:7*)

... **Verse** to memorize?  
(*Psalm 1; portions of Romans 8*)

... **Error** to mark?  
(*Theological views or convictions*)

... **Challenge** to face?

## Home Work Assignment – Week 5 (Choose 1):

### #1 – *Luke 14:25-17:10*

Read *Luke 14:25-17:10* this week and ask the nine application questions listed above. Notice that throughout this section of parables and teaching that Jesus addresses four groups of people: the multitudes (*Luke 14:25*); the social outcasts (*Luke 15:1*); the disciples (*Luke 16:1; 17:1*); and the Pharisees (*Luke 16:14*). Start with Observation and Interpretation. Then answer these nine questions. What do you find?

OR

### #2 – Memorizing *Psalm 100*

Spend time this week memorizing *Psalm 100* (just 5 verses!). As you memorize this Psalm, meditate on the words and pray through the Psalm, using its words as a foundation for your own prayers. Start with Observation and Interpretation. After you repeatedly read *Psalm 100*, recite the words to someone. Now, how do these words apply to you?

## Next Week: Application – How Does it Work?, Part 2

Online Resources & Devotionals

Conclusion & Wrap Up of Bible Study Basics