

Foundation for Living

Lesson # 1 1

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Romans 12:1, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.*”

reasonable:

λογικός *logikós*; “pertaining to reason, reasonable, as in something based in rational thought, intelligent meditation, reflection and understanding of the implications and instructions of God.”

Worship

λατρεία *latreía*;

**NASB “spiritual service of worship”
Work given in service to a deity, hence,
Christian service, duties and
responsibilities of a believer in serving
God.**

Romans 12:2, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

2 Timothy 3:16, “All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

2 Timothy 3:17, “that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

1 Corinthians 2:16, “For ‘who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?’ But we have the mind of Christ.”

Joshua 1:8, “This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.”

meditate

הָגָה (hāgâ) I, utter, mutter, moan (mourn, KJV),
meditate, devise, plot.

Psalm 119:15, “I will meditate on Your precepts, and contemplate Your ways.”

meditate

חַשַׁב (śîḥ) I, meditate, muse, commune, speak,
complain.

contemplate

נָבַט (nābat) *look, regard*. To think through something with sustained contemplation.

Psalm 119:23, “Princes also sit *and* speak against me, *but* Your servant meditates on Your statutes.”

Psalm 119:48, “My hands also I will lift up to Your commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on Your statutes.”

**Psalm 119:78, “Let the proud be
ashamed, for they treated me wrongfully
with falsehood; *But* I will meditate on
Your precepts.”**

Acts 17:11, “These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily *to find out* whether these things were so.”

How to Read the Bible

1. Create a schedule, morning, noon, evening. Free from distractions.

2. If you commute to work and back along with listening to tape of teaching, insert a tape or play an MP3 of someone reading the Bible.

3. Set a goal, read 15 minutes, or 2–3 chapters, whatever you can reasonably accomplish.

4. Keep a notebook, to jot down questions, thoughts, observations, and applications.

5. Underline promises; put question marks by verses you don't understand and move on.

6. Don't get bogged down in detail.

7. Learn to use some basic tools or resources, such as a bible dictionary, encyclopedia, or Bible Knowledge Commentary.

8. Look at maps and charts in your own Bible.

9. Read genealogies as if they are your own genealogy.

Translation Theory

**Formal
Equivalence**

**Dynamic
Equivalence**

Paraphrase



**More literal
Less interpretive**

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Jas. 2:14, “What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?” NKJ

Jas. 2:14, “What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?” NIV

Jas. 2:14, “Dear friends, do you think you’ll get anywhere in this if you learn all the right words but never do anything? Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it?” MESSAGE

Jas. 2:15, “If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food,” NKJ

Jas. 2:15, “Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food.” NIV

Jas. 2:15, “For instance, you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half-starved,” MESSAGE

Rom. 6:1, “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?”

Rom. 6:2, “Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?”

Rom. 6:3, “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?” NKJ

Rom. 6:1, “What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?

Rom. 6:2, “By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

Rom. 6:3, “Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?” NIV

Rom. 6:1, “So what do we do? Keep on sinning so God can keep on forgiving?”

Rom. 6:2, “I should hope not! If we’ve left the country where sin is sovereign, how can we still live in our old house there?”

Rom. 6:3, “Or didn’t you realize we packed up and left there for good? That is what happened in baptism. When we went under the water, we left the old country of sin behind; when we came up out of the water, we entered into the new country of grace—a new life in a new land! That’s what baptism into the life of Jesus means.” MESSAGE