

Hungering, Hearing, and Acting Upon God's Word

- Psalm 119:89-97 -

- A. **James 1:22-24** describes a sad condition. Someone who reads, knows, and understands, but leaves "*forgetting what manner of man he was*"...
- B. Contrast the above with **Ps 119:16, 83, 93**... How do you get the Word of God grafted into your system of thinking and acting?

1. _____

- A. There are spiritually hunger people, but are they hungry for righteousness (**Matt 5:6**)? If so, they'll be filled, or they will search for their own righteousness (**Rom 10:1-3**)...
- B. Notice **Ps 119:72, 162, 172**... The Psalmist said "_____ to go in the path of thy commandments; For therein do I delight" (**v.35, 47, 103**)... Is the word of God your delight or part of a check-off-list-of-things-to-do?
- C. Hunger is coming to the source of fulfillment, to meet God, to have Him transform my life...
- D. Trying feeding a soul who is not hungry. The reason they reject it is because they feed off the world (**1 Cor 3:1-3**).
- E. Hunger for the Word is found in getting rid of some of the clutter and having a _____ for the Word.

2. **Being Able to _____ and _____**

A. There is a process of hearing which will lead to acting. It is called _____ "

B. **"A"** is _____

- 1. What does this passage say, and what does it mean? Who wrote it? Who were they talking about? To whom were they speaking? What is the main idea? When did these events take place?
- 2. The things about Jesus were written so we might believe (**John 20:31**)
- 3. Ask these questions: Are there any sins in this passage to avoid? Are there exhortations that I need to follow through on? Are there some commands here that I need to be obeying?
- 4. Everything we read in God's Word calls for some sort of response – everything. Every time I'm exposed to the Word of God, my accountability level before God goes up another step.

C. **"E"** is _____ **and** _____

- 1. There is a key word in every scripture which needs further study.
- 2. In **Leviticus**, *holy* or *clean* teaches about the subject of holiness.
- 3. **1 John** repeats the phrase "we know..." to give us assurance.
- 4. Other example: "*sober-minded*" (Titus).

D. **"I"** is _____

- 1. Write an overview or summary of the passage you've read.

E. **"O"** is _____

- 1. Study other passages about the same point.
- 2. Using a concordance is a great aid for this process

F. **"U"** is _____

1. What are you going to do with what you just read?
2. Note **Psalm 119:32, 33, 44, 56, 57, 60, 101, 112.**
3. Our use of the word cause us to love it "*exceedingly*" (**v.167**)
4. Scripture was meant to transform (**Rom 12:2**). Get in the Word so the Word can get into you...