



## I. BIBLE STUDY OUGHT TO BE SOUNDLY INDOCTRINATED (DEUT. 6:4-5)

### A. MONOTHEISM IS A FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINE OF THE BIBLE (6:4)

This chapter is all about Israel's relationship to God's commandments, statutes, and judgments (6:1). In His instructions on this matter, He starts off by teaching them the importance of one of the greatest fundamental doctrines of our faith (6:4).

*Acts 5:42, "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."*

Look at the examples of Barnabas and Paul, Paul and Timothy, and Paul and Silas. It is a one-on-one discipleship. We disciple people so they can disciple others.

*II Timothy 2:2, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."*

### B. SOUND DOCTRINE PRODUCES GODLY BEHAVIOR (DEUT. 6:5)

What we see in verse 5 is a direct result of the doctrine we learn in verse 4.

When you understand the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, it affects your life.

*Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."*

If you believe that the Holy Spirit is given to enable us to be witnesses as Acts 1:8 tells us, what's the result?

*John 16:8, "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:"*

If you believe that the Holy Spirit is given to convict us of our sin as John 16:8 tells us, what's the result?

*John 14:26, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."*

If you believe that the Holy Spirit is given to teach us as we read God's Word, as John 14:26 tells us, what's the result?

*John 16:13-14, "13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you."*

If you believe the Holy Spirit is given to glorify God the Father as John 16:14 tells us, what's the result?

*Romans 8:9, "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."*

## II. BIBLE STUDY OUGHT TO BE DAILY DESIGNATED (DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7)

Four times in verse 7 we find the word "when". There are 2 times that are a great example. First thing in the morning and last thing at night.

But then God instructs them to set aside times throughout the day as well. Daniel is an example of this in that he prayed morning, noon and night.

Morning is an important time, because the stress of the day hasn't affected your focus yet. It's also important because when you put something off until later, you usually never get to it. Designate a time!

## III. BIBLE STUDY OUGHT TO BE POST-MEDITATED (DEUTERONOMY 6:8-9)

In Old Testament times, Jews would often write portions of the Mosaic Law on parchment and roll them up. They would then tie them to their left hand and their forehead. This was to constantly remind them that they are to meditate upon God's Word (forehead) and they were to respond to God's Word in their actions (hand).

### A. WRITE IT DOWN AND BRING IT WITH YOU

### B. MAKE A LIST OF BEHAVIORAL CHANGES BASED ON A PRECEPT

### C. LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO BRING IT UP IN CONVERSATION

Three things happen when you talk to others about your devotions:

**SOLIDITY:** The more opportunities you have to talk about what you read in your daily devotions, the more that precept will solidify in your mind.

**ACCOUNTABILITY:** The more you talk about it, the more you challenge others to begin reading and meditating on the Bible as well.

**EXPANDABILITY:** The more you talk about it with people, who also meditate on the Bible, the more they will add to that thought and expand your understanding.

*"People talk about the things they know about." – unknown*

*Psalm 1:1-3, "1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."*