



INTRODUCTION: Having a fruitful Bible study is similar to maintaining a reliable vehicle. If something goes wrong, there's not one simple fix that works every time; it could be a number of different problems. This series was developed with the idea of naming several aspects of Bible study we need to maintain. It was developed so that a student of the Bible could pinpoint exactly where the problem is in their Bible Study and fix it. So how do we know when the problem has been fixed?

I. THE RESULT OF PURITY (PSALM 119:6-9)

A. THE RESULT OF RESPECT (PSALM 119:6, 103)

The word **respect** is from the Hebrew word נָבַט *nabat* (naw-bat'). It means to look intently at; by implication, to regard with pleasure, favor or care. Giving cause to behold, consider, regard with great respect.

1. **FAVOR** – David didn't read the scriptures out of duty, but he did it with a great desire.
2. **CARE** – David didn't rush through his Bible study.
3. **BEHOLD** – This word is an attitude word. David read with awe and amazement. As David read the Word of God, he did so always with the understanding that what he was reading was a supernatural Book.

1 Thessalonians 2:13, "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe."

1 Corinthians 3:1, "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ."

1 Corinthians 2:11, "For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."

4. **RESPECT** – This is not just lip service.

B. THE PATTERN FOR PRAISE (119:7-8)

We see here that praise is not simply something you do with your voice. Praise is not merely singing a song. Rather, the pattern for praise is having an upright heart and learning God's righteous judgments (Psalm 22:23, 29:2, 33:1, 96:9, 111:1).

C. THE CONDITION FOR CLEANSING (119:9)

Water is used as two different symbols in the Scriptures. Drinking water symbolizes the Holy Spirit and cleansing water symbolizes the Word of God.

This verse doesn't say that I will cleanse my past, for all I must do to cleanse my past is go to God with a broken spirit and seek the forgiveness. Verse 9 instructs us in how to cleanse our way, or simply put, how to walk forward on a clean path.

II. THE RESULT OF PRODUCTIVITY

A. IT PRODUCES CONVICTION (119:11, 17, 38-40, 59-60, 104, 120, 128)

In all of these verses we see that God used His Word to bring conviction into David's life (Psalm 139:23-24).

"Either sin will keep you from the Bible or the Bible will keep you from sin." – Moody

B. IT PRODUCES DIRECTION (PSALM 119:3-5, 35, 67, 133)

Notice the words, "directed", "path", "went astray", and "order my steps."

You will find that every time David asks for God to guide his life, he also asks God to keep him in obedience to God's Word, keeping far away from iniquity. Unfortunately, many want to bypass conviction and go straight to direction.

Proverbs 3:5-6, "5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

C. IT PRODUCES WORSHIP (PSALM 119:46-48, 54, 108, 137, 171-175)

The word **worship** is derived from the Old English word *weorthscipe*. It is the assigning of worth or value to something or someone. You will notice that David places value on God often in this chapter (119:14, 72, 111). Notice also that David doesn't just praise God during church services (119:62, 164).

As you read God's Word ask God to reveal Himself to you and, as He does, write those attributes of God down. Meditate on them. Make a journal that you can keep and begin worshipping God throughout the day.

John 4:23, "But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him."

III. THE RESULT OF PROFITABILITY (II TIMOTHY 3:15-17)

A. DOCTRINE – WHAT IS RIGHT

B. REPROOF – WHAT IS WRONG

C. CORRECTION – HOW TO GET RIGHT

D. INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS – HOW TO STAY RIGHT