

Message Summary.

The Bible isn't for puffing us up. It's for transforming how we live. Use simple tools and three principles: Application over information, Relationship over debate, and Clarity over curiosity to engage Scripture for 4+ days each week and put it into practice.

Key Scripture Summaries.

1 Corinthians 8:1. Knowledge puffs up. Love builds up.

Hebrews 5:12-14. Maturity comes by constant use of God's Word.

2 Timothy 3:16-17. Scripture equips us for every good work.

James 1:22. Don't just hear the Word. Do it.

James 1:19. Quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger.

Psalms 19:7-11; 119:105. God's Word gives wisdom, joy, and light.

Luke 24:27. All Scripture points to Jesus.

Deuteronomy 29:29. The secret things belong to the Lord.

Start Talking.

What's the most helpful tool you've used to build a habit in life (fitness tracker, budget app, calendar, etc.)? How might that connect with Bible study habits?

When have you received advice that stuck with you because it was practical and straightforward?

Share a time when someone lived out their faith in a way that made you "lean in." What was it about their example that impacted you?

Start Thinking.

- Read Hebrews 5:12-14. What does "going deeper" look like?
- Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. How is Scripture useful in your current season?

Start Sharing.

1. Application over Information: Where are you most tempted to collect knowledge without obeying? What one change would show up this week if you chose to apply it first?
2. Relationship over Debate: Think of a conversation where you got "preachy" (or you shut down because someone else did). How could you share your own obedience story instead, so others lean in?
3. Clarity over Curiosity: Which unresolved question do you carry? What clear truth from Scripture (about God, Jesus' resurrection, or the authority of the Bible) can anchor you while you wait?
4. Which tool will you try? What do you hope it helps you learn or live?

Start Praying.

Jesus, thank You for Your Word that is living and useful. Train us by constant use to discern good from evil. Keep us humble in knowledge, bold in love, and faithful in obedience. Help us apply what we read this week and share it with others with gentleness and respect. Amen.

Start Doing.

- 1-1-1-4 Challenge: Read 1 chapter/day, choose 1 verse, obey it for 1 hour, do it 4 days this week.
- Place, Plan, Pen: Decide your quiet place (or commute), a reading plan (John or James), and your pen/highlighter (or app highlights).
- Pick One Tool: Try Blue Letter Bible to see Greek/Hebrew behind a verse, or watch a BibleProject overview before you start a book.
- Share Your Obedience: Share the verse you're applying this week with one person and ask them to check in.