

Beneficial Applications of God's Word

A Six-Part Teaching Series

Series Theme

God's Word is not merely something we hear or study—it is something we learn to understand, personalize, believe, and perform.

The six teachings develop one progressive thought: **maximum learning comes through maximum involvement**, and the Word becomes beneficial when we move from simply knowing Scripture to actually applying it. Part 1 establishes this foundation and introduces the fivefold method.

PART 1 — From Hearing the Word to Applying the Word

Main Theme

Maximum learning is the result of maximum involvement.

Key Scriptures

- Proverbs 9:9
- Proverbs 19:20
- 2 Timothy 3:16–17
- 1 Timothy 4:15

Teaching Focus

The Christian life cannot be learned merely by watching someone else do it. Just as hands-on experience is necessary when learning a practical skill, believers need to become personally involved with God's Word.

The Fivefold Method

1. PASSAGE — What does God's Word say?

Start with the Scripture.

2. PRINCIPLE — What is the main idea?

Identify the central truth.

3. PERSONALIZE — What does this mean to me?

Turn the Scripture into personal instruction:

- Turn each word into prayer.
- Put it into the first person.
- Picture yourself doing it.

4. PERSUADE — Become convinced of the truth.

Use Scripture, examples, objects, testimonies, stories, analogies, and other supporting material.

5. PERFORM — Put it into action.

Take what has been learned and actually do it.

Key Teaching Statement

Make God's Word your own.

Application

The goal is not simply to say, **“I know the Scripture.”**

The goal is to say, **“I understand it, I believe it, and I am doing it.”**

PART 2 — Faith Requires Action

Main Theme

Don't wait for perfect conditions before obeying God's Word.

Main Scripture

Ecclesiastes 11:4

“He who observes the wind will not sow; and he who regards the clouds will not reap.” RSV

The passage is presented through the fivefold method: Passage, Principle, Personalize, Persuade, and Perform.

Principle

Sowing and reaping requires action.

Personalize

Ask:

- What am I waiting for?
- Am I watching the “wind and clouds” instead of acting?
- What has God already shown me to do?
- Where do I need hands-on experience?

Persuade

The supporting material emphasizes that waiting for perfect conditions can prevent accomplishment, while stepping out in faith and working can produce results.

Perform

Take one step of action.

The teaching gives the practical example of going to a new neighbor and introducing yourself.

Character Connection

Taking action requires character:

- **Decisiveness vs. Double-mindedness**
- **Initiative vs. Unresponsiveness**
- **Determination vs. Faintheartedness**
- **Determination vs. Wishful Thinking**

Key Teaching Statement

Faith that never becomes action remains unperformed potential.

PART 3 — Make God's Word Come Alive

Main Theme

Learning, experiencing, and understanding produce boldness.

Part 3 brings Parts 1 and 2 together and demonstrates the fivefold method through **objects connected with Scripture**.

Key Scriptures

- 2 Timothy 3:16–17
- Ecclesiastes 11:4
- Daniel 12:3
- Romans 12:2
- Ephesians 4:22–24
- 1 Corinthians 10:1–11

Teaching Tool

Object + Scripture + Personal Application = Memorable Learning

The teaching used young people and everyday objects, with each student receiving a rock as a physical reminder of what they learned.

Three Examples

STAR — Daniel 12:3

Principle: Shine for God.

DEAD GRASS — Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:22–24

Principle: Renew areas that have become spiritually dead.

CAUTION CONE — 1 Corinthians 10:1–11

Principle: Learn from the failures of others.

Application

Ask:

“What do I see around me today that can remind me of something God's Word is teaching me?”

Key Teaching Statement

When truth is experienced, understood, and remembered, it becomes easier to put into practice.

PART 4 — Grow Straight for the Lord

Main Theme

God's Word should produce maturity, stability, and proper spiritual support.

Part 4 expands the fivefold method and particularly emphasizes **Personalize, Persuade, and Perform.**

Main Scripture

Ephesians 4:11–16

The passage describes God's gifts being given to equip believers, develop maturity, establish accurate knowledge of Christ, and enable every part of the body to function properly.

Object Lesson

A Tree With Supports

Tree = the believer

Supports = people God uses to help us grow

The teaching specifically includes parents and grandparents among those supports.

Characteristics of Good Spiritual Supports

- Consistency
- Availability
- Dependability
- Strength
- Attentiveness
- Being positioned close to the person they are helping

Important Application

Before trying to correct someone else's "speck," we should deal with the "log" in our own eye. The teaching connects this with Matthew 7:3–5.

Key Teaching Statement

We cannot effectively help others grow straight if we refuse to allow God to work on us.

PART 5 — Keep Clean as You Go

Main Theme

Spiritual maintenance keeps us effective for God's work.

The teaching begins by explaining that large subjects can become overwhelming, so the five methods break God's Word into “**small chewable, bite-size pieces.**”

Main Scripture

Ecclesiastes 9:8

“Let your garments be always white [with purity]...” AMP

Object Lesson

Trashcan → Wastebasket → Dumpster

The dumpster represents what happens when problems are allowed to accumulate rather than being dealt with as they arise.

Principle

Keep clean as you go.

Personalize

Picture yourself holding a trash can and looking at a dumpster.

Ask:

“What am I allowing to accumulate spiritually?”

Scripture Connection

James 1:13–15 describes the progression from temptation and desire to sin and ultimately to full-grown sin.

Character Quality

Sharpness vs. Dullness

Ecclesiastes 10:10 connects a dull edge with the need for greater strength, while wisdom helps accomplish the task. The teaching applies this spiritually: incorporating God's Word into daily life helps keep us effective.

Key Teaching Statement

Keep clean as you go so you can remain sharp and effective for the Lord's work.

PART 6 — Put On What God Has Provided

Main Theme

God provides spiritual clothing, but we must put it on.

Part 6 begins with a physical illustration involving purchasing and wearing a suit, then transfers each step of that experience into a spiritual application.

The Eight Steps

1. PLACE

Know where to go.

Spiritually: Know where to go in God's Word for help.

2. DECISION

Make the decision.

Without a decision, nothing changes.

3. TIME

Make yourself available.

4. PATIENCE

Give the process time.

5. INVESTMENT

Growth requires investment.

6. TAILOR

Recognize that we cannot do everything by ourselves.

Spiritual tailors are mature believers who help us adapt and become properly equipped.

7. TICKET

The teaching connects the ticket with being born again.

8. COMPLETION

Become dependable for the Kingdom.

The Great Clothing Store

The teaching uses God's Word as a **“Great Clothing Store.”**

Isaiah 61:10 presents God as clothing His people with salvation and righteousness.

Main Scripture

1 Peter 5:5

“Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another...” RSV

The Principle

Put on spiritual clothing.

Humility is something the believer is instructed to **put on**.

God's Clothing Store Contains:

Ephesians 6:11 — The whole armor of God

Romans 13:14 — Clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ

Colossians 3:12 — Compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience

Perform

The final movement is simple:

Now that we have pictured ourselves wearing humility, let us do it.

The teaching closes by moving from **picture** → **persuasion** → **performance**.

THE COMPLETE SERIES FLOW

Part 1 — LEARN

Maximum learning comes through maximum involvement.



Part 2 — ACT

Don't wait for perfect conditions—sow.



Part 3 — REMEMBER

Use Scripture, objects, and experience to make truth memorable.



Part 4 — GROW

Allow God's Word and the people He provides to help us mature.



Part 5 — MAINTAIN

Keep clean as you go so you remain spiritually sharp and effective.



Part 6 — PUT IT ON

Take what God has provided and actually live it.

Series Master Statement

God's Word is profitable when we don't merely hear it, but learn it, personalize it, become persuaded by it, and perform it.

The Fivefold Application Method

PASSAGE → PRINCIPLE → PERSONALIZE → PERSUADE → PERFORM

That method is the connecting thread through all six teachings. The progression moves the believer from **receiving God's Word to manifesting God's Word through daily life.**

Appreciation and Attribution

The five methods used throughout this six-part series were from *The 7 Laws of the Learner*, produced by **Walk Thru the Bible Ministries**.

I am very grateful for the *7 Laws of the Learner* booklet. It contains very rich information that has helped me many times.

The five methods have been used throughout **Beneficial Applications of God's Word, Parts 1–6**, as a framework for helping us learn how to apply God's Word.

The five methods are:

- 1. Passage**
- 2. Principle**
- 3. Personalize**
- 4. Persuade**
- 5. Perform**

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A SIX-PART TEACHING SERIES

From Knowing to Doing – God's Word Makes a Difference!

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Psalms 119:105

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Learn the method. Make God's Word your own.	Take a step of action.	Use objects, experience, and application.	Allow God and others to help you grow.	Deal with it now. Stay spiritually sharp.	Take what God has provided and live it.

THE FIVE METHODS USED IN EVERY PART:

PASSAGE
What does God's Word say?

PRINCIPLE
What is the main truth?

PERSONALIZE
How does this apply to me?

PERSUADE
How can I become convinced?

PERFORM
What am I going to do?

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

James 1:22