

THE HAND ILLUSTRATION BIBLE STUDY

There are 5 ways to get the word of God into our life. They all vary in their effectiveness and impact. What do the following Scriptures say about each of these five areas?

I. HEARING: WE REMEMBER 5% OF WHAT WE HEAR

Matthew 7:24-27

James 1:22-24

What is essential in each of these verses if hearing God's word is to have any impact on our life?

II. READING: WE REMEMBER 15% OF WHAT WE READ.

Deuteronomy 17:19

Revelation 1:3

III. STUDYING: WE REMEMBER 35% OF WHAT WE STUDY.

Acts 17:11

II Timothy 2:15

IV. MEMORIZING: WE REMEMBER 100% OF WHAT WE MEMORIZE.

Deuteronomy 11:18,19

Psalms 119:9,11

V. MEDITATING: MEDITATION IS TO BE DONE WHEN WE HEAR, READ, STUDY, AND MEMORIZE GOD'S WORD SO IT'S IMPACT ON OUR LIFE WILL BE MAXIMIZED.

The Hebrew word for meditate means to murmur or ponder. The dictionary definition is to ponder or reflect over. Thus, we meditate when we prayerfully reflect on God's Word over how to make it part of our life.

Joshua 1:8

Psalms 1:1-3

VI. APPLICATION

Which of these ways of getting God's Word into your life do you most need to work on? How can you do that?