

Integrating God's Word into My Life
Series: 40 Days in the Word
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John 8:31 (NIV) To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples."

Psalms 119:20 (NLT) I am overwhelmed continually with a desire for your laws.

HOW TO INTEGRATE GOD'S WORD INTO MY LIFE:
(We will use the verses we memorized.)

1. I must (build) on the Word of God.

I must make the Bible the (foundation for my life)

Matthew 7:24 (NIV) Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Unreliable Foundations:

a. (popular culture)

Exodus 23:2 (NIV) Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong.

b. (tradition)

Mark 7:8 (NIV) You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men.

c. (reason)

Proverbs 16:25 (NIV) There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

d. (emotion)

Judges 21:25 (NIV) In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as he saw fit.

2. I must (feed) on the Word of God.

I must feed on the Bible for the (strength I need)

Colossians 3:16 (NIV) Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly...

How do I feed on the Bible:

a. I (receive it by listening) with my ears.

b. I (read it) with my eyes.

c. I (reflect on it) with my mind.

d. I (remember it) with my heart.

3. I must (live) by the Word of God.

The Bible needs to be my (standard for living)

Psalm 1:1,2 (NIV) Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Psalm 119:11 (NIV) I have hidden your Word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

4. I must (grow) through the Word of God.

Psalm 119:18 (NIV) Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things your law.

Parable of the four soils:

Luke 8:5 (NIV) A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on and the birds of the air ate it up.

a. The hardened soil (represents a closed mind)

Action: I must (cultivate an open mind)

Luke 8:6 (NIV) Some fell on rock, and when it came up the plants withered because they had no moisture.

b. The shallow soil (represents a superficial mind)

Action: I must (take time for God's word)

Luke 8:7 (NIV) Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants.

c. The soil with weeds (represents a preoccupied mind)

Action I must (overcome all distractions)

Luke 8:8 (NIV) Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.

d. The good soil (represents a willing mind)

Action: I must (cooperate with what God says)

5. I must (act) on the Word of God.

James 1:22 (NIV) Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

6. I must (trust) in the Word of God.

Psalm 119:105 (NIV) (this week's memory verse) Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

CONCLUSION:

How do we integrate God's Word into our lives?

(keep doing) what we have done for the past 40 days.