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Speaker: Tim McCardel Message Series: Impact: Learning to Live and Enjoy The Bible Today's Message: Hearing From God

STUDY The Bible \longrightarrow Know God \longrightarrow Love God \longrightarrow OBEY God \rightarrow (No Matter What)

#1. Observation—Opening Your

Psalms 119:18 "Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law."

Proverbs 2:1-5 "If you cry out for discernment..."

Six Basic Questions:

<u>What</u>? <u>When</u>? <u>Where</u>? <u>How</u>? <u>Who</u>? <u>Why</u>? (more _____ - more reward!)

Note: When sense the Holy Spirit "<u>pressing</u>" a truth on you—be <u>sensitive</u> to that <u>prompting</u>: God's voice <u>to hear</u>.

<u>Picture It</u>—<u>Ponder It</u>—<u>Personalize It</u>—<u>PRAY OVER IT</u>

#2. Interpretation—Opening Your

A Spiritual War: Very Intense—Very Real

Ephesians 6:10-12

Ephesians 6:17 "Take... the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God."

Truth: When it comes to the <u>Word of God</u>—we _____ remain <u>passive</u> and <u>miss God</u>.

<u>2 Timothy 2:15</u> "Work hard... receive His approval... who correctly explains the Word of truth."

Three Key Questions: *What is the <u>context</u>? *What do the words <u>mean</u>? *Does my interpretation <u>match</u> the <u>rest of the Bible</u>?

Context: the <u>verses surrounding</u>, like forensic investigators <u>examining</u> a crime scene, <u>observing</u> the <u>entire scene</u>.

Keep In Mind: Words have meaning, language is fluid, meanings change over time.

#3. Application—Opening Your

Luke 6:46-49

The Goal: We must allow our knowledge <u>about</u> God to be transformed into a knowledge <u>of</u> God.

Our Heart: 1) Must Be His, 1 Cor. 2:14; 2) Must Be Hungry, Matt. 5:6; 3) Must Be Humble

God Speaks: We must <u>listen expectantly</u>, <u>respond boldly</u> and let this be a <u>continual habit</u> in our lives.