

Searching His Word
Are You Spiritually Starving?
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“Apply your heart to instruction, And your ears to words of knowledge” (Prov 23:12). Are you spiritually hungry? How often do you seek to learn more of God’s Word? If you are to understand God’s Word, you must study it for yourself. You cannot and should not simply rely on others to teach you God’s Holy Word!

“My son, eat honey because it is good, And the honeycomb which is sweet to your taste; So shall the knowledge of wisdom be to your soul; If you have found it, there is a prospect, And your hope will not be cut off” (Prov 24:13-14). If you are to know what God requires of you, you must know His Word. When you study God’s Word and not simply read it you will learn more about God, His Son and His incredible love for you. God’s word applies to every aspect of your life. God gave you everything you need to know about Him and how to live a Christian life (2 Peter 1:2-3).

There are some who feel as if they know everything or know enough to “get by.” Should such an attitude as this be found in a true Christian? Some may even believe its all something “they have heard before.” Such an attitude reveals a lack of love for God and shows no desire to learn about God or to grow as His servant. David loved God’s Word (Ps 119:97,113, 163, 165). Are we any better than David?

If you want to know how to repair something, you read a repair manual. You do this because it gives a step by step procedure in how to do so. The same can be said with the Bible. If you want to know how to have eternal life, the Bible tells you. If you want to know how you should treat others or how you should live in our day to day lives, the Bible tells you. The Bible answers all life’s questions and concerns. You just have to pick up the manual, study it and do what it says. What happens if you read something without really reading it to learn? Then you will fail in your goal. If you simply read the Bible without the real desire to learn it or if you only rely on others to teach you, then you will not grow or understand the Bible as you could.

Since the Bible is what feeds us our spiritual food, then the question is: Are you studying the Bible so that you can be fed spiritually or are you starving yourself because the desire to learn God’s Word is not important to you (Matt 4:4, Jer 15:16)?