

Pathway to Biblical Understanding | “Applying Scripture to Everyday Life”

Week 1: Applying Biblical Truth with Wisdom and Humility

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Knowing biblical truth is important, but how we apply that truth matters. God calls us to stand firmly on His Word while treating others with wisdom, grace, patience, and humility. (James 1:22)

Know the Truth. Truth must be our foundation.

- We must know what God's Word says.
- Scripture is profitable for teaching and correction. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- God's Word gives direction. (Psalm 119:105)
- Lack of knowledge can lead to destruction. (Hosea 4:6)
- Our opinions change; God's Word does not.
- We should not build our lives around feelings, culture, or popular opinion.
- You cannot properly apply truth that you do not understand.

Apply Truth with Wisdom and Ask God for Wisdom. (James 1:5)

- Truth requires discernment. Not every situation should be handled the same way.
- “A soft answer turneth away wrath.” (Proverbs 15:1)
- There is “a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.” (Ecclesiastes 3:7)
- Biblical wisdom is more than knowing facts; it is knowing how, when, and why to apply them.
- Is what I am saying biblical? Is this the right time? Is this the right way to say it?
- Will my attitude honor Christ?
- Truth without wisdom can become harshness.

Apply Truth with Humility

- Remember that we are also sinners saved by grace. (Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:8-9)
- Correct others gently without thinking we are better than them. (Galatians 6:1; Matthew 7:3-5)
- Humility keeps truth from becoming pride. There is a difference between saying, “God's Word says this, and I want to help us follow it” and “I know better than you.”
- We should defend God's truth without using God's truth as a weapon.

Speak the Truth in Love. (Ephesians 4:15)

- Truth without love can hurt. A person can be technically correct but spiritually destructive.
- Love without truth can mislead. Love does not mean ignoring sin or compromising Scripture. It combines truth, grace, and compassion. (John 1:14)
- The goal is not simply to win an argument; the goal is to help people move toward God.
- Live What You Teach. (James 1:22; Matthew 5:16)
- People often see our attitude before they hear our message. (Do I practice what I preach? Do people see Christ in the way I treat others? Am I quick to judge but slow to examine myself?)
- A life that demonstrates biblical truth gives credibility to a message about biblical truth.

When We Disagree

- Listen before responding. (Proverbs 18:13)
- Understand before correcting and pray before reacting.
- Use Scripture rather than personal opinion.
- Remain respectful.

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- ## The Example of Jesus (Philippians 2:5)

- ## Conclusion

- Know the Truth. → Seek Wisdom. → Check Your Heart. → Speak with Love. → Live It Out.**

Things to Think About

- Why is it important to use wisdom when trying to use biblical truth with people?
- Do you think it's important to know the scriptures and what they actually say?

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