

# How to Study the Bible For Yourself

## Theology of Application

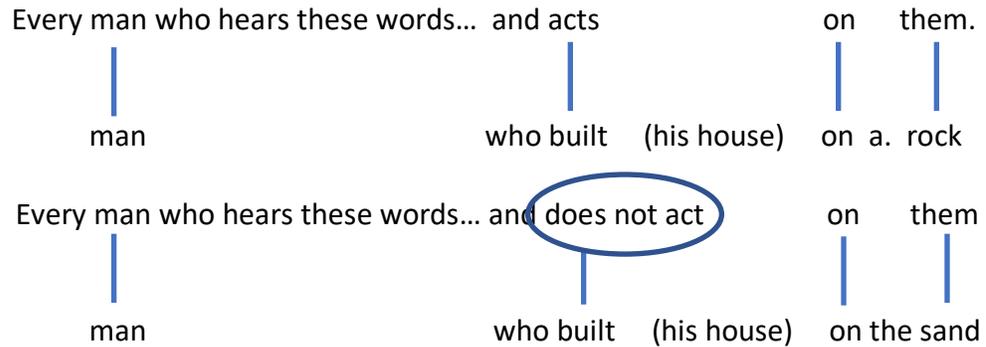
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    - x. Application – Most important part.
  - b. Mountain Climbing
    - i. Dangerous venture
    - ii. Most great mountain climbers will die doing what they love.
    - iii. Why do they do it?
    - iv. Thrill of reaching the summit!
    - v. The whole goal is to make it to the top of the mountain.
    - vi. Bible study without application is like mountain climbing without summiting.
- II. Theology of Application
  - a. Parable of the two sons
    - i. Matthew 21:28-31 <sup>28</sup> “But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go, work today in my vineyard.’ <sup>29</sup> He answered and said, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he regretted it and went. <sup>30</sup> Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> **Which of the two did the will of his father?**” They said to Him, “The first.”
    - ii. Doing the will of the Father is critical.
  - b. Matthew 7:21 “Not everyone who says to me “Lord Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but **he who does the will of my Father** who is in heaven.”

	Enter Kingdom	Not Enter Kingdom
Call Jesus “Lord”	DOES WILL OF FATHER	DOESN'T DO WILL OF FATHER

Personal application of the Father’s will is fundamental to salvation  
The Father’s will is found in the “Word of God”.

c. Parable of the wise and foolish builder in Matthew 7:24-27 (AABB)

<sup>24</sup> Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: <sup>25</sup> And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. <sup>26</sup> And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: <sup>27</sup> And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.



d. Parable of the sower and seed,  
 i. Interpretation of the good soil...

Matthew 13:23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.	Mark 4:20 And these are they which are sown in good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirty fold, some sixty, and some an hundred.	Luke 8:15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, <b>keep it</b> , and bring forth fruit with patience.
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Question – Is hearing the word important?

Answer – Absolutely.... All the soils are people who are heard the word of God.

Question – Is understanding the word important?

Answer - Yes... Wayside soil don't understand.

Question – Is receiving the word important?

Answer - Yes... But receiving isn't enough. Rocky soil receive the word

Key – Beyond receiving the word, one must **keep it**.

Greek: κατέχω

Transliteration: katechō

Pronunciation: kat-ekh'-o

Definition: From **G2596** and **G2192**; to *hold down (fast)* in various applications (literally or figuratively): - have hold (fast) keep (in memory) let X make toward possess retain seize on stay take withhold.

KJV Usage: hold (3x), hold fast (3x), keep (2x), possess (2x), stay (1x), take (1x), have (1x), make (1x), misc (5x).

Occurs: 19

In verses: 19

1 Thessalonians 5:21 “Prove all things; **hold fast** that which is good.”

Hebrews 3:6 “But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we **hold fast** the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

Hebrew 3:14 “For we are made partakers of Christ, if we **hold** the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end;

Hebrews 10:23 “Let us **hold fast** the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

*Conclusion – The key is that the good ground is those who have a good heart, and cling to, or hold fast the word, even in the midst of persecution.*

- e. Romans 2:13 For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

*Steps to Christ pg. 62 - The condition of eternal life is now just what it always has been,—just what it was in Paradise before the fall of our first parents,—perfect obedience to the law of God, perfect righteousness. If eternal life were granted on any condition short of this, then the happiness of the whole universe would be imperiled.*

- f. James 1:22 “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

- i. Warning!!! – If we go completely through a bible study, but don't make it to application, what happens? We deceive ourselves.

For... if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a... (Simile)	
Man beholding his natural face in a glass	<i>(Man looking into the law of liberty)</i>
For beholding himself	
And goeth his way	
And straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was	
	<i>BUT</i>
	Whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty
	And <b>continueth</b> therein
	He being not a forgetful hearer
	But an effectual doer of the work.
	This man shall be blessed in his deed.

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“Continueth”

**3887** *paraménō* (from **3844** /*pará*, "from close-alongside" and **3306** /*ménō*, "abide, remain") – properly, remain close-beside (near), i.e. *abide* ("continue alongside") in a *close-working* relationship (partnership); a "*stay-close* remaining."

Blessing for those who continue in the law, and do the work.

- g. Revelation 22:7 – Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that **keepeth** the saying of the prophecy of this book.
- h. Revelation 22:12 – And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man **according as his work** shall be.
- i. Revelation 22:14 - **Blessed are those who do his commandments**, that they may have a right to the tree of life.