

MWay Notes Week 01: Orthopraxy Reading the Bible

Orthopraxy: Correct conduct

Orthodoxy: Correct belief

God deepens our faith when we <u>trust</u> in the things that only God can do and execute on the things that only we can do.

Realize the uniqueness of the Bible.

Theme... The redeeming love of God!

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. [2 Timothy 3:16]

The Bible's uniqueness and God's purpose for giving it demands our full devotion to it.

Know the one motive for engaging the Bible.

We live for what we love!

97 Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long. 98 Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies. 99 I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes. 100 I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts. 101 I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word. 102 I have not departed from your laws, for you yourself have taught me. 103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! 104 I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path. 105 Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. [Psalm 119:97-105]

Prayer: God help us approach this book not as a "have to" or an "ought to" but as a "want to".

Develop a consistent plan to engage the Bible.

We stay in love with the Bible by staying in love with God.

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A love for the Bible begins when we get a new heart. And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations. [Ezekiel 36:26-27]