**A Student of God's Word**

**2 Timothy 2:15**

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, as a workman who doesn't need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

**Overview**

Our typical idea of a student is "one who goes to school:' but learning should not stop with graduation. We all should continue to be students our entire lives. God has specifically commanded us to study and grow.

**Lesson Theme**

Study is not confined to a classroom or a time period. God wants us to be continually learning and growing our entire lives. God has provided us with many things to study: the principles of His Word, the lives of people, and His own attributes.

**Lesson Objectives**

At the conclusion of the lesson, each student should:

* + Understand the three-fold process of growth­ seek, do, teach.
  + Commit themselves to being a lifelong student of God's principles, the lives of great Christians, and God's attributes.
  + Purpose to pursue habits and patterns of learning and growth.

**Teaching Outline**

* + Student of Principles
    1. To seek
    2. To do
    3. To teach
  + Student of People
    1. People from the past
    2. People from the present
  + Student of the Person of God
    1. Attributes of God the Father
    2. Attributes of God the Son
    3. Attributes of God the Holy Spirit

**Psalm 119:11 -** Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.

**Proverbs 4:23 -** Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it flow the springs of life.

**Luke I2:48**b - …From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

**Amos 8:11 -** Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord God, “When I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine for bread or a thirst for water, But rather for hearing the words of the Lord.

**Isaiah 55:6 -** Seek the Lord while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near.

**James 1:22 -** But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. Those who know God's truth, but do not live God's truth deceive themselves into thinking they are mature

**2 Chronicles 34:33 -** Josiah removed all the abominations from all the lands belonging to the sons of Israel, and made all who were present in Israel to serve the Lord their God. Throughout his lifetime they did not turn from following the Lord God of their fathers.

**2 Timothy 2:2 -** The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

**Deuteronomy 6:6-7** - These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. **7**You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

**Psalm 16:6 -** The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.

**Deuteronomy 4:9 -** “Only give heed to yourself and keep your soul diligently, so that you do not forget the things which your eyes have seen and they do not depart from your heart all the days of your life; but make them known to your sons and your grandsons.

**Judges 2:7-8 -** The people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of the Lord which He had done for Israel. **8**Then Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died at the age of one hundred and ten.

**Judges 2: 10-12 -** All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel. **11**Then the sons of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord and served the Baals, **12**and they forsook the Lord, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods from among the gods of the peoples who were around them, and bowed themselves down to them; thus they provoked the Lord to anger.

**Proverbs 22:6 -** Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.

**Ephesians 6:4 -** Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

**Nearness is likeness.**

"He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will suffer harm." (Proverbs 13:20).

**Listening increases learning.**

A wise man will hear and increase in learning, and a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel, (Proverbs 1:5).

**Our own understanding is extremely fallible; we must not rely on self-guidance.** "

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. **6**In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6).

**People from the past**

Gideon's life teaches that through God we can overcome seemingly insurmountable adversity.

Jonah's life teaches that nothing is too hard for God.

Moses' experience as a child in an ark of bulrushes in the Nile River teaches that God will never leave us and that He watches over us no matter how desperate the situation seems to be.

Hosea's example teaches that we can forgive, regardless of how badly we have been wronged.

Paul's life teaches that God can use anyone in a great way, regardless of their past.

Nicodemus' life teaches that, no matter our social standing, we still must be born again.

Joseph's life teaches that, no matter how dark the night, God will never leave us or forsake us.

Ruth's life teaches that there is a kinsman Redeemer.

Why did God include this person's life in Scripture?

What truths or principles can I learn from this person's life?

What in this person's life should I imitate, or what should I avoid?

**Hebrews 13:7 -** Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith.

**1 Corinthians 11:1 -** Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.

**Attributes of God the Father**

God's attributes include those that belong uniquely to God, such as omniscience (all-knowledge), omnipotence (all-power), and omnipresence (all-present). God also possesses attributes that He specifically instructs us to reflect through our lives.

Our God is love (1 John 4:8), so we should be loving.

Our God is just (Isaiah 45:21), so we should be just.

Our God forgives us (1 John 1:9), so we should forgive others.

Our God is faithful (1 Corinthians 10:13), so we should be faithful.

Our God is holy (1 Peter 1:16), so we should be holy.

Our lives are to be a reflection of our God, drawing others to see the greatness and goodness of the God we know and serve. Studying the attributes of God enables us both to know Him better and to better understand what He wants us to be.

**Attributes of God the Son**

The Lord Jesus Christ was the one and only God-man, and He is our chief example.

**1 Peter 2:21** - For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

**Romans 8:28-29 -** And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. **29**For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

**2 Corinthians 3:18 -** But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

**Attributes of God the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit has many names, and each of them describe His attributes. Among His many names, my favorite is "Comforter."

**John 16:7 -**But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

We find this name for the Holy Spirit used three additional times in the Gospel of John-14:16, 14:26, and 15:26.

**John 16:13 B**ut when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

**Isaiah 30:21 -** Your ears will hear a word behind you, “This is the way, walk in it,” whenever you turn to the right or to the left.

**Ezekiel 36:27 -** I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

**Study Questions**

1. What did Paul request from Timothy that indicated that he felt the need to continue learning?
2. What is the two-fold purpose for studying God's principles?
3. What questions should one ask when studying the lives of other people?
4. Even though we could study our entire lifetimes and never scratch the surface of discovering God's infinite goodness and greatness, why should we study His attributes?
5. Our lesson made the statement, "We must not waste the opportunities we have to learn the Word of God, but seek it while we have it so abundantly available." What opportunities do you have to learn the Word of God?
6. What biblical principles do you need to teach your children? What other opportunities do you have to teach God's principles?
7. What specific qualities can you learn from the spiritual leaders God has given you?
8. What habits or patterns do you need to develop to become a diligent student of God's Word?

**Memory Verse**

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.(2 Timothy 2:15)