

FINDING TREASURE IN GOD'S WORD- SESSION 3

APPLICATION

SCRIPTURE: JAMES 1:21-25

BIBLE STUDY PROCESS:

- 1) OBSERVATION- What do I SEE in the text?
- 2) INTERPRETATION- What does the text MEAN?
- 3) **APPLICATION- How does it WORK?**
- 4) COORELATION/COMMUNICATION- Where does it FIT?

CHEAP SUBSTITUTES FOR APPLICATION

- INFORMATION/ INTERPRETATION OVER TRANSFORMATION.
- SELECTIVE OBEDIENCE OVER SUBSTANTIVE LIFE-CHANGE.
- RATIONALIZATION OVER REPENTANCE.
- EMOTIONAL EXPERIENCE OVER VOLITIONAL DECISIONS.

KEY QUESTIONS TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN INTERPRETATION & APPLICATION: STATING PRINCIPLES

- 1) What can we discover about the original context in which the passage was written & applied?
- 2) Given the original context, what does this text mean?
- 3) What fundamental, universal biblical truths are presented in this passage?
- 4) Can you state the truth in a simple sentence or two in a way that anyone could understand?
- 5) What issues in your own culture and life does this truth address?

KEY QUESTIONS TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN STATING PRINCIPLES & PERSONAL APPLICATION

- 6) What are the implications of this truth when applied to MY...
 - a) Inner & Personal life?
 - b) Relationships?
 - c) Work?
 - d) Church?
 - e) Community?
 - f) World?
 - g) Other: Values, Time, Money, etc.....?
- 7) What changes does it require of me?
- 8) How do I implement the changes?
- 9) What difference will the changes make in my life?
- 10) What difference will it make in other people's lives?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS FOR ANY PASSAGE YOU STUDY:

Is there an example for me to follow?

Is there a sin for me to avoid?

Is there a promise for me to believe?

Is there a command to obey?

Is there a condition to meet?

Is there an error to avoid?

Is there a challenge to face?

Is there a new way for me to think?

Is there a verse to memorize?

Is there a prayer for me to pray?

Psalm 1

Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
But, his delight is in the law of the LORD,
And on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.
The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
But the way of the wicked will perish.