

## Learning Bible Study Methods: Chapter Eleven: Application

How are you coming along friend? Are you gleaning ideas and thoughts that you had not ever discovered before? It is my hope and prayer that you are. Is the Holy Spirit pricking your heart? Is He saying there are some changes you need to make or some applications you need to implement

### **Bloom's "Ladder" Step of Application.**

*What this column will show us:* It will reveal the depth of the work of the Holy Spirit. It is here that you will put feet to what you "think" you know. This is where you introduce the spiritual principles that Jesus taught and consider some application questions that can be implemented. Remember in our last chapter we wrote some aims or goals for our life based upon what we learned and what the Holy Spirit had revealed to us. We also have written several scriptural principles. Now is the time for us to use all of that data and write some pointed application questions for ourselves.

Some of the *Key words to use:* apply, build, choose, construct, develop, interview, make use of, organize, experiment with, plan, select, solve, utilize, model, identify

Example: What plan will you put down on paper that will hold you accountable to the questions that the Holy Spirit has brought to mind; What did the Holy Spirit identify as areas that need correction. Paul wrote: 2 Tim 3:16-17 "Every scripture is inspired by God and useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the person dedicated to God may be capable and equipped for every good work" The Holy Spirit wants us to not just take in what we need intellectually but to apply it.

*How the Bible presents it:* Jesus planted questions before the people. He often asked them if you know this, then why do you not act upon it? This step uses the key words to help us formulate an action on our part.

Ex. How did the woman at the well make use of her new understanding of the Messiah?

*How you can use it:* This is the time to not only elicit the spiritual principle but also seek an avenue to implement it. For example: from Titus 1: God does not lie. What can you do this week to be like God?

Below is the worksheet chart with sample application questions. Your application questions may be totally different than these.

Task: Begin work on application questions. Write application questions that are measurable (what will you do today...how will you apply this passage to a circumstance in your life). Make them personal, practical, possible, and measurable/provable.

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Sample: How your application section of the worksheet might look:



**Figure 1-Principles/Aim/Application**