

#10: Continuing Miracle Grow: Feed Yourself

Become a "Self-Feeder"

SOAP

S: Scripture

O: Observe

A: Application

P: Prayer

How to SOAP

Decide on a reading plan. There are a number of plans listed at evergreenbloomington.com. Click "Resources" on the menu bar, then click "Bible Resources," then click "Bible Reading Plans."

S: SCRIPTURE

"By interacting in this way with the Lord through His word, you'll be hearing His prophetic voice. You will begin making permanent decisions based on eternal wisdom, not on temporary setbacks." Wayne Cordeiro, *The Divine Mentor*

O: OBSERVE

- What does the verse say?
- What is the context of the verse?
- Who is speaking?
- Who is it written to?
- Is it a command to be obeyed?
- Is it a statement of truth?
- Is it a statement about God's character?
- Is it a promise or a warning?

Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this. 2 Timothy 2:7, NIV

A: APPLICATION

- What is God asking me to do in response to this verse?
- What in my life needs to change as a result of this verse?
- Do I need to think or act differently?
- What can I be thankful for related to this verse?

"Application is what seals Gods Word to our hearts. Application makes the difference between hearing His will and doing His will. Application is what sets apart a disciple from a dabbler, a follower from a fan. Application states how you will live differently because of what you've just read." Wayne Cordeiro, *The Divine Mentor*

"One of Christendom's greatest maladies is the phenomenon of living inconsistently with what we believe. Incongruence is one of the foremost causes of anxiety. We espouse one thing and yet live another. We know all there is to know about love, but we aren't known for being loving. We know all there is about joy, but there is no joy in our homes. We know all there is to know about forgiveness, but we still can't forgive." Wayne Cordeiro, *The Divine Mentor*

Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them. John 13:17, NLT

P: PRAYER

"This can be as simple as asking God to help you apply this scripture, or it may be to ask for greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Thank Him for what he is teaching you through this verse. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation. Be sure to listen to what God has to say and journal about it. Tell Him your worries and concerns, and let him carry your burdens. Thank Him for all He's done in your life. Also, pray for people on your "Just Sow It" list—you know, that list of people in your sphere of relationships—that relational field that God place you on purpose—for a reason—so you can influence them for Jesus." Wayne Cordeiro, *The Divine Mentor*

Your response this week:

1. Choose a time of day that is your best time. Choose a quiet place away from distractions. Acquire a notebook and a pen. Make a daily entry following template below.
2. Start to SOAP.
3. Share this lesson with someone who needs to hear it.

Daily SOAP

Date _____

S: Scripture – All that I read: _____

Verse(s) that impressed me:

O: Observation:

A: Application:

P: Prayer: