

# Getting Ready to Study

**All of your strength, comfort, and ability comes from God!**

**You are powerless without Christ!**

## PRAISE

Listening to, or singing a hymn of praise is an excellent way to prepare your heart for God's Word. The world is not tuned to the things of God. Music is a scriptural way to prepare.

*"And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed and well, and the evil spirit departed from him."*  
1Samuel 16:23

Take a moment, kneel and praise God for who He is, thank Him for all His goodness, and tell Him how much you love Him!

*Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: Be thankful unto him and bless his name. For the Lord is good; and his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. Psalm 100:4,5*

## CONFESS

The key to cleansing! Name the sin! Tell God exactly what you did!

*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9*

Tell God the specific sin you committed. Ask the Holy Spirit to search your heart. Right wrongs at the earliest possible moment!

*"...first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." Matt. 5:24*

Confession cleanses us, allowing our petitions to be heard.

*"...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16*

Ask for wisdom.

*“If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth [scolds] not; and it shall be given him.” James 1:5*

Believe that you will receive it!

*“Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.” Mark 11:24*

## **READ**

Next begin reading your Bible. Consider the text. What is it about? Who is it written to? Is it instruction, information, prophecy, exhortation, or a story? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal how it applies to you? Does the Bible talk about this in other passages?

*"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2Tim. 2:15*

Meditate as you read and follow the Holy Spirit's leading in your heart as you study. If you still have difficulty start over with Praise.

*Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation." 2Pet. 1:20*

**Be diligent! Don't quit! Stick with it! Finish it! Jesus Christ is all you need!**