

Bible Study Applications

Caution

God is more concerned about who we *are* than about what we *do*. He wants to see a transformation of our characters, not merely our conduct. It is his great purpose to create a people who are like his Son, Jesus.

So, as you consider the applications below be careful to see the things you may decide to do as means to an end, not ends in themselves. Whatever practical steps you may take ask the Lord to use this to make you more like Jesus.

After studying the Bible there are many, many possible ways in which you might seek to act upon what God has been saying to you through his Word. Here are just a few possible applications:

- Recognising that you need to hand over complete control of your life to Jesus
- Confessing to God a sin or sins you have committed and accepting his promise of forgiveness
- Asking the forgiveness of another person
- Asking for God to give you the grace to love and pray for someone who has wronged you
- Seeking God's help to overcome a bad habit in your behaviour or thinking
- Looking to God for his guidance as you face making an important decision
- Deciding to change your job to serve the Lord more effectively or to honour him more in your family relationships
- Asking a respected person for advice to deal with a difficult situation or relationship in your life
- Memorising a key Bible verse or verses
- Doing further Bible study on a particular matter
- Devoting special time to worship and give thanks to God
- Committing yourself to develop a key relationship with someone (spouse, relative, friend, etc.)
- Writing a letter to someone
- Adding a matter to your prayer list for regular prayer
- Committing yourself to regularly pray for someone
- Arranging to meet with someone or some others to pray
- Arranging to meet with someone who does not know Christ so that you can help that person to see his or her need of Christ
- Reading a particular Christian book
- Serving someone in a particular way
- Visiting someone in need, e.g. someone house-bound or in hospital or in prison
- Deciding to give a portion or percentage of your income for the Lord's work whether in your own church or on the mission field or in some other way
- Giving money or other personal resources to meet a specific need
- Deciding to give money regularly, or increase the level of your giving, to help support your church
- Becoming more involved in the life of your church
- Re-evaluating your priorities and asking the Lord to help you put him and his kingdom first

- Developing a plan for the development of your personal life
- Asking a more mature Christian to meet with you regularly to help you grow in your Christian life
- Meeting with a younger Christian regularly to help him or her grow spiritually
- Registering for a conference or training program that will help you grow or develop as the person you believe the Lord wants you to be
- Enrolling for a Bible correspondence course
- Deciding to go to Bible college and study there part-time or full-time
- Going with others on a short-term mission trip either through your own church or a respected Christian organization