

# HOW TO PERSONALLY APPLY SCRIPTURE

The most valuable personal result of consistent Bible study is not acquiring more biblical knowledge, but seeing our lives enriched and changed through personal application of what we learn. The format described here is a practical approach for writing a specific and concrete application plan. With God's help we can then put this plan into practice. Over the next weeks and months we can be confident that God will be changing our lives.

## 1. Verse

Record the reference of the verse or passage which has impressed you about making a personal application.

## 2. Truth

Briefly state the truth of the verse or passage which impresses you.

## 3. Need

State how you feel you fall short in relation to the truth that impressed you. Since you may read this section in your group, state frankly what the need is, but be prudent in how you express it. You don't want to be too introspective, nor do you want to dredge up for others in the group all kinds of failures and difficulties. Keep some of those details between you and God.


## 4. Intent

State specifically what you intend to do toward having your life changed in this area of need. Keep the action simple. It should be a simple step toward improving your life in this area of need.

## 5. Checkup

State how you will make sure you accomplish the simple goal you have set. You may want to jot a note and put it in a prominent place in your office or home until you have completed your application. You may want to tell a friend, your husband or

wife, or a relative what you intend to do and have him check up on you.

Approach personal application with the confidence that God is conforming you to Christ's image, and that He will complete what He has started. Let God use this tool in your life — this is not a self-effort project. 

1. Verse - "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves" (Romans 12:10).

2. Truth - That God wants me to show devotion and honor to my brothers in Christ.

3. Need - I find I often take my closer relationships with other Christians for granted not really thinking about ways to honor them and be devoted to them. Dan is one person I particularly want to honor more.

4. Intent - I will spend Saturday helping Dan to finish painting his house, and while we talk I will make a point of specifically complimenting him about at least two things I respect about him.

5. Check up - Will place a check here  Saturday night after I have done this.