

Applying the Bible to Your Life

Here are some helpful questions to ask as you read God's Word. These questions will help you apply the scripture to your everyday life. (Originally published in Rick Warren's "Purpose Driven Life")

They also can help you mine out areas of the disciplines of Courage, Gratitude, Goodness and Generosity!

- **Is there a SIN to confess?** Does God's Word make you aware of something you need to make right with God? (Goodness & Courage)
- **Is there a PROMISE to claim?** There are more than 7,000 promises in God's Word. Some are given to a specific situation and some are applicable to all of God's people. Do you see a promise in this passage that is for all God's people? (Gratitude)
- **Is there an ATTITUDE to change?** Is there something about which you need to think differently? Do you need to work on a negative attitude, worry, guilt, fear, loneliness, bitterness, pride, apathy, or ego? (Goodness, Courage & Generosity)
- **Is there a COMMAND to obey?** Is there a command you need to obey, no matter how you feel? (Goodness, Courage & Generosity)
- **Is there an EXAMPLE to follow?** Are there positive examples to follow or negative examples to avoid? (Courage, Gratitude, Goodness and Generosity!)
- **Is there a PRAYER to pray?** Paul, David, Solomon, Elijah, and Isaiah, among others, pray in the Bible. You can use their prayers and know that they'll be answered because they're in the Bible and in God's will.
- **Is there an ERROR to avoid?** It's wise to learn from experience, and it's even wiser to learn from the experience of others! We don't have time to make all the mistakes ourselves. So what can you learn from the mistakes of those in Scripture? (Goodness)
- **Is there a TRUTH to believe?** Often, we'll read something in Scripture that we can't do anything about. We simply have to believe what it says about God the Father, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the past, the future, Heaven, Hell, or other topics in the Bible.
- **Is there SOMETHING for which to praise God?** You can always find something in a passage you can be grateful to God for, like something God has protected you from or something God has done. (Gratitude)