

**Series: Characteristics of a Devout Christian**  
**Title: The Discipline of Study**  
**Text: 2 Timothy 2:15**

**Introduction**

The Information Age has created a problem that is making our world a fascinating yet dangerous place. A person can manipulate information to say whatever they want you to hear.

1. Evaluating a person's character becomes more crucial than ever before to get to the \_\_\_\_\_!
2. How we interpret facts is critical to how we \_\_\_\_\_ the situations and events of our lives.
3. In our world dominated by relative truth, there has never been a time when \_\_\_\_\_ truth has been so essential.
4. People today are drowning in \_\_\_\_\_ yet unable to discern the truth.
5. Every triumph, trial or tragedy is an opportunity for us to connect with \_\_\_\_\_ and experience His love and grace!
6. When your life revolves around your relationship with God, it gives \_\_\_\_\_ to every moment of your life.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ of your life flows out of what you believe!
8. A devout Christian chooses a discipline of \_\_\_\_\_ that deepens their knowledge and understanding of God and strengthens their relationship with Christ.

9. Devout Christians help others grow in \_\_\_\_\_ and their relationship with Jesus Christ.
10. Devout believers know the difference between where our culture is leading us and where God is \_\_\_\_\_ us!
11. The ways of the world lead to confusion and chaos; God's way always leads to \_\_\_\_\_ and order.
12. The ways of the world lead to meaninglessness and despair; God's way leads to \_\_\_\_\_ and hope and joy!
13. One of the significant problems in our society today is \_\_\_\_\_.
14. There is no moral way to sympathize with \_\_\_\_\_ actions.
15. Truth enlightens a person's intelligence and shapes their \_\_\_\_\_, leading them to know and love the Lord."
16. Many people don't study or \_\_\_\_\_ at all today! There is no guiding light or dynamic truth that challenges them to rise above the chaos of their lives.
17. Devout Christians can't wait for someone to ask them questions about their \_\_\_\_\_!

## **I. Commitment to Continuous Learning**

18. Devout Christians are committed to \_\_\_\_\_ God's ways.
19. Devout Christians spend time studying the \_\_\_\_\_.
20. Devout Christians study God's Word and make a conscious effort to allow Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ to guide and form them.

21. A Devout Christian is committed to \_\_\_\_\_ and learning God's ways.
22. Devout Christians study and \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word to their circumstances.
23. The Bible is a \_\_\_\_\_ book, no matter how many times you read a passage of scripture, it can still impact and challenge you in new ways.

## **II. A Routine for Continuous Learning**

24. The thing that sets devout Christians apart from average ones in this area of study is that dynamic Christians have a basic \_\_\_\_\_ of study.
25. They have a \_\_\_\_\_ where they study. They have a particular time of the day when they study. They have a plan they follow.
26. Devout Christians are hungry to grow \_\_\_\_\_.
27. Devout Christians \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible.
28. The more you learn about your \_\_\_\_\_, the more likely you are to take your spiritual life seriously.
29. The seeds of spiritual renewal are always found in prayer, study, \_\_\_\_\_, and outreach.

## **III. A Thirst for Continuous Learning**

30. Devout Christians have a \_\_\_\_\_ for truth.
31. We generally obtain objectivity by being able to view a situation from a \_\_\_\_\_.

32. It's easier to find the truth than it is to face it and \_\_\_\_\_ it.
33. Our capacity to see, find, and adopt God's truth for our life is in direct proportion to our ability to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves before God.
34. Devout Christians don't rush to conclusions, and they don't pass \_\_\_\_\_ on appearances.
35. Five minutes a day of \_\_\_\_\_ reading can change your life. But it can only happen if you decide to do it!

## Conclusion

36. As you begin to develop a habit of study and scripture reading, be \_\_\_\_\_ with yourself.

The hardest part of doing anything is getting started. Devout Christians have a discipline of prayer and study forged out of commitment, daily routine, and consistent planning. Be a continuous learner!

## ANSWERS

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| 1. Truth       | 17. Learning    | 33. Humble   |
| 2. Understand  | 18. Bible       | 34. Judgment |
| 3. Absolute    | 19. Purpose     | 35. Bible    |
| 4. Information | 20. Teachings   | 36. patient  |
| 5. God         | 21. Reading     |              |
| 6. Meaning     | 22. Apply       |              |
| 7. Vision      | 23. Living      |              |
| 8. Study       | 24. Routine     |              |
| 9. Holiness    | 25. Place       |              |
| 10. Calling    | 26. Spiritually |              |
| 11. Clarity    | 27. Study       |              |
| 12. Purpose    | 28. Faith       |              |
| 13. Relativism | 29. Generosity  |              |
| 14. Immorality | 30. Thirst      |              |
| 15. Think      | 31. Distance    |              |
| 16. Faith      | 32. Follow      |              |