



“Discipline Yourself for Godliness”

July 12, 2026 | Text: 2 Timothy 2:15

I. Read your Bible

A. Believers should read their Bibles in private

*Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15; Psalm 119:11; Psalm 1:1-3

B. Believers should hear the Bible read corporately

Q. 159. How is the Word of God to be preached by those that are called thereunto?

A. They that are called to labor in the ministry of the Word are to preach sound doctrine, diligently, in season, and out of season; plainly, not in the enticing words of man’s wisdom but in demonstration of the Spirit, and of power; faithfully, making known the whole counsel of God; wisely, applying themselves to the necessities and capacities of the hearers; zealously, with fervent love to God and the souls of his people; sincerely, aiming at his glory, and their conversion, edification, and salvation.

Q. 160. What is required of those that hear the Word preached?

A. It is required of those that hear the Word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.

-Westminster Larger Catechism

C. Believers should read their Bibles with their family

*Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Proverbs 22:6; Ephesians 6:4

II. Pray

A. Believers should pray

*1 Thessalonians 5:17; Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 4:6; Col. 4:2

B. God answers prayers

*Psalm 91:15; Isaiah 58:9; Luke 11:9; Acts 4:31

C. The discipline of Jesus in prayer

*Mark 1:35; 6:46; Luke 5:16; 22:41

III. Serve others

A. Every believer is expected to serve

*Galatians 5:13; Romans 15:1-2

B. Every believer is gifted to serve

*1 Peter 4:10-11; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

C. Serving is often hard work

*1 Corinthians 15:58; Galatians 6:9

Next week’s sermon text:

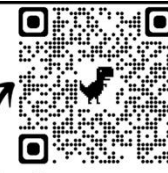
If you were to share a key insight from today’s sermon with a friend, what would you say in a sentence or two?

Application Questions: Do you think about how your self-discipline affects your walk with the Lord? Do you have consistent habits of reading your Bible and praying? Do your priorities need to be adjusted to make consistent time to read your Bible and pray? Do you have regular habits of serving others? Do you see serving others as a blessing from the Lord?

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