

## A. APPROPRIATION

- Appropriation is defined as “taking possession of, making use of or seizing for oneself” (Dictionary.com)
- The Lord desires that we make His Word our own personal possession. We can facilitate that process is by practicing the biblical technique of appropriation.
- We appropriate a principle or promise in Scripture by extending faith to believe that God will give it application in our lives and accomplish His purposes: 1 Jn 5:14-15— This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.
- Whenever you see a truth or a promise that you desire in your life, ask God to “make it true” of you. Write “MIT” next to it to express appropriating faith.
- When appropriating a particular Scripture, pray it back to God. Make it even more personal by inserting your name or even paraphrasing it into your own words.
- God is committed to you and to keeping His Word. Count on Him to make His Word your experience based on these truths:
  - Jeremiah 1:12 NAS -- I am watching over My word to perform it.
  - Ps 138:8-- The LORD will accomplish what concerns me
  - Prov 28:10 KJV -- The upright shall have good things in possession.
  - Luke 15:31-- Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours
  - 2 Pt 1:3 NAS -- His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.
  - Num 23:19 NLT-- God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?
  - Heb 13:21 NLT -- May He equip you with all you need for doing His will. May He produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to Him. All glory to Him forever and ever! Amen.
  - Heb 6:18-20 MSG -- When God wanted to guarantee his promises, he gave his word, a rock-solid guarantee—God *can't* break his word. And because his word cannot change, the promise is likewise unchangeable. We who have run for our very lives to God have every reason to grab the promised hope with both hands and never let go. It's an unbreakable spiritual lifeline, reaching past all appearances right to the very presence of God where Jesus, running on ahead of us, has taken up his permanent post as high priest for us
- Insights:

## B. ALL YOUR NEEDS

- Appropriation is a great way to boost your faith. It is particularly helpful when you are experiencing troubles, uncertainty, doubt, or fatigue from long term issues.
- To find a truth to make your own, seek out verses on your area of need. Use a concordance, topical bible, or the browser on your computer using “verse, \_\_\_\_.”
- Get started with these Scriptures that give voice to some of the needs we feel on a regular basis. Use the following steps to appropriate these or any other verses:
  1. Read and reread the passage. Mark the parts that leap out at you or that speak to you the most.
  2. Select the parts that cause a spark of life and hope about your situation. Mark those with your pen or highlighter.
  3. Take a few minutes to appropriate the words you’ve marked. Apply it to your need by taking it to God in prayer using His words and then your own words.
  4. Take time to sit quietly before the Lord with this portion of His Living and Active Word. Be sure to write down any insight, direction, or comfort that you sense.

Inner Strength: Eph 3:16-20 NLT -- I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.

<sup>17</sup> Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.

<sup>18</sup> And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.

<sup>19</sup> May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

<sup>20</sup> Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

Guidance: Psalm 25:1-15 NIV -- In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.

<sup>2</sup> I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. <sup>3</sup> No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

<sup>4</sup> Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.<sup>5</sup> Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

<sup>6</sup> Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. <sup>7</sup> Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.

<sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, he instructs sinners in his ways.

<sup>9</sup> He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

<sup>10</sup> All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

<sup>11</sup> For the sake of your name, LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great.

<sup>12</sup> Who, then, are those who fear the LORD? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose.

<sup>13</sup> They will spend their days in prosperity, and their descendants will inherit the land.

<sup>14</sup> The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.

<sup>15</sup> My eyes are ever on the LORD, for only he will release my feet from the snare.

Protection: Psalm 91:1-16 NLT -- Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup> This I declare about the LORD: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him.

<sup>3</sup> For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease.

<sup>4</sup> He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection.

<sup>5</sup> Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day.

<sup>6</sup> Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at midday.

<sup>7</sup> Though a thousand fall at your side, though ten thousand are dying around you, these evils will not touch you.

<sup>8</sup> Just open your eyes, and see how the wicked are punished.

<sup>9</sup> If you make the LORD your refuge, if you make the Most High your shelter, <sup>10</sup> no evil will conquer you; no plague will come near your home.

<sup>11</sup> For he will order his angels to protect you wherever you go. <sup>12</sup> They will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.

<sup>13</sup> You will trample upon lions and cobras; you will crush fierce lions and serpents under your feet!

<sup>14</sup> The LORD says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name.

<sup>15</sup> When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup> I will reward them with a long life and give them my salvation."

Comfort: 2 Cor 1:2-7 AMP -- Grace to you and peace [inner calm and spiritual well-being] from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> Blessed [gratefully praised and adored] be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort,

<sup>4</sup> who comforts *and* encourages us in every trouble so that we will be able to comfort *and* encourage those who are in any kind of trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

<sup>5</sup> For just as Christ's sufferings are ours in abundance [as they overflow to His followers], so also our comfort [our reassurance, our encouragement, our consolation] is abundant through Christ [it is truly more than enough to endure what we must].

<sup>6</sup> But if we are troubled *and* distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; or if we are comforted *and* encouraged, it is for your comfort, which works [in you] when you patiently endure the same sufferings which we experience.

<sup>7</sup> And our hope for you [our confident expectation of good for you] is firmly grounded [assured and unshaken], since we know that just as you share *as partners* in our sufferings, so also you share *as partners* in our comfort.

C. PERSONAL APPLICATION

- ONE THING

The One Thing that I'd like to take away from today's class and believe God to accomplish in my life is:

- PONDER THE TRUTH

Which verse or principle stood out to you this week? Write it below taking some time to review it often. Be still in God's presence, alert for new insights. Record them here.

- PROCESSING THE TRUTH

Prayerfully consider the Listening Exercises from this lesson. Ask the Spirit to guide you into a deeper understanding of the truth and to reveal any specific faith steps He is calling you to take. Write down your insights.