



# HOAW Newsletter

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law, he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. *Psalm 1:1-6 ESV*

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HELPING MEN LIVE LIVES OF INTEGRITY AND HONOR

## Getting A Grip #4: Application

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To get a better grip on the Bible we have been exploring a process that will give you the tools needed to properly observe, interpret, and apply the word in your life.

This newsletter will discuss the third and final stage called APPLICATION.

Continuing with our analogy of a Crime Scene Investigator, we have gathered all the evidence through OBSERVATION. We brought the evidence to the lab and applied techniques to uncover the meaning and significance of the evidence through INTERPRETATION.

We are now ready for our third and final stage of APPLICATION. How does it all fit together? What

can we conclude from our study? What can we derive from our study that will clarify how I should apply what I have learned?

Now, we are finally ready to apply what we have learned through observation and interpretation. When applying a passage, we are essentially asking two questions.

### How does this passage apply in general?

In other words, how does this passage apply to people in general, whether Christian or non-Christian?

How did it apply at the time of its writing? How does it apply to us in this present day and age?

### How does this passage apply to me specifically?

Drilling down more deeply, how does this passage apply to the reader, you, or me, specifically?

What are my take-aways?

### **Technique #1: Questions to Ask**

This technique simply asks critical questions that may or may not apply. Prayerfully considering possible answers to any one of these questions may reveal an important personal application.

- Is there an example for me to follow?
- Is there a lesson to learn?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a prayer to repeat?
- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there a condition to meet?
- Is there a verse to memorize?
- Is there an error to observe or avoid?
- Is there a challenge to face?
- Is there a hurt to heal?
- Is there an encouragement to enjoy?

- Is there a prayer to pray?

## Technique #2: "SPECKS"

This technique is somewhat similar to Technique #1. Using the acrostic "SPECKS" the Bible investigator looks for the following clues.

**S**ins to forsake!  
**P**romises to claim!  
**E**xamples to follow!  
**C**ommands to obey!  
**K**nowledge to acquire about God, Christ or myself!  
**S**tumbling blocks to avoid!

## Technique #3: 2 Timothy 3:16

This technique mines 2 Timothy 3:16 which provides a framework of inquiry regarding principles or practices to apply.

**"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness..."**  
 ESV

From this verse, we look for the following clues.

**Teaching** (Doctrine) – what teaching, lesson, or instruction is evident in this passage?

**Reproof** – what rebuke, criticism, or accusation is implied explicitly or implicitly in this passage?

**Correction** – what remedy, corrective, adjustment, improvement, alteration, rectification, or modification is offered as a solution to a dilemma?

**Instruction in Righteousness** – what counsel does the passage suggest regarding living a godly life? What principle or practice is proposed to help you live a life of holiness?

The final step is to build a plan of how you intend to apply what you have learned.

## Building A Plan

This plan should be specific, measurable, attainable, results-oriented, and time constrained. In other words, you should develop one or more SMART goals that will include steps to make what you have learned a functioning part of your life.

1. Things to do today ...
2. Things to do in one week ...
3. Things to do by the end of the month ...

In conclusion of our series "Getting A Grip," the following Bible Study Form will help you record your findings as you apply the techniques suggested for Observation, Interpretation, and Application of a selected Scriptural passage.

## Bible Study Form

I hope this series has been helpful and informative. Rightly applying God's Word to your life is essential for navigating an ever-darkening world. Start the new year with a firm commitment to "rightly handling the word of God." "one who puts themselves under its authority and understands it is profitable for "teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness."

## OTHER NEWS



**Heart of a Warrior Ministries** offers four journeys you can take to become who God created you to be.

**The Foundation** (Ground Zero) helps establish strong biblical foundations for the battles ahead.

**The Compass** (Phase I) calibrates a warrior's heart and tunes that heart to the heart of God. I am currently leading 45 at Calvary Church WBL Campus on this journey.

**The Map** (Phase II) helps men focus on what matters in accordance with their unique divine wiring.

**The Guide** (Phase III) develops the spiritual discipline of being mentored and mentoring others.

Go to our website for more details.  
[www.heartofawarrior.org/journeys/](http://www.heartofawarrior.org/journeys/)

If you would like to contact me directly, email me at HOAWMinistries.com.



## Donations

Please consider giving to Heart of a Warrior Ministries. HOAW Ministries needs your financial support. Our ability to help men live God-honoring lives depends on the resources we can use to that end. Simply go to the donations tab on [heartofawarrior.org](http://heartofawarrior.org). Thank you for being a subscriber.

Check out **The Store** on our website ([www.heartofawarrior.org](http://www.heartofawarrior.org)). There are downloadable resources you can use to lead a group through Phases I, II, or III, Foundations of a Warrior, and Bible Study Guidelines.

**NOTE:** Throughout the course of the year, I will be adding helpful and informative resources to

Heartofawarrior.org. They may be found on the **RESOURCES** page of the website.

## Websites for Men

### Heart of a Warrior Ministries

[www.Heartofawarrior.org](http://www.Heartofawarrior.org)

### Legacy Minded Men

[www.legacymindedmen.org](http://www.legacymindedmen.org)

### Church for Men

<http://churchformen.com/>

### Resolute

<https://beresolute.org/>

### Life Way Men

<https://blog.lifeway.com/leadingmen/>

### Men's Fraternity

<http://www.mensfraternity.com/>

### Man in the Mirror

<http://maninthemirror.org/>

### Men with No Regrets

<http://www.menwithnoregrets.org/>

### National Collision of Men's Ministries

<http://ncmm.org/>

### Every Man's Battle

<https://newlife.com/emb/>

### Iron Sharpens Iron

<http://ironsharpensiron.net/>

### Ransomed Heart Ministries

<http://www.ransomedheart.com/>

### Band of Brothers

[www.bandofbrothers.org/](http://www.bandofbrothers.org/)

### Man Up God's Way

<http://www.manupgodsway.org/>

### Iron Works

<http://www.ironworksmen.com/>