

# Getting A Grasp On The Word of God

Acts 7:1-3

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Last week we saw:

*The Author of the Bible* is G\_\_\_\_ (2Ti.3:16; 2Pe.1:19-21)

*The Authority of the Bible* ... It is authoritative over a\_\_\_\_ of us -- the standard by which we shall a\_\_\_\_ be judged. (Heb.1:1-2; 2:1-3; Rom.3:19; Rev.20:11-13)

*The Aim of the Bible* is to reveal the Lord J\_\_\_\_, our need of Him, and of the a\_\_\_\_ life that is in Him. (Joh.5:39; Rom.3:19-26; 1:16; 2Pe.1:3-4; 2Ti.3:16-17)

Stephen had a f\_\_\_\_ grasp on the Word of God. Such a grasp upon the Word doesn't come accidentally. It comes only with p\_\_\_\_, p\_\_\_\_, and perseverance.

## ***I. Listen***

God in His Word puts such a strong emphasis upon hearing (l\_\_\_\_). (Deu.6:3-7; Mat.11:15, etc.)

To gather to hear God's Word is a sign of submission to God. To not gather to hear what God has to say is a sign of rebellion. (Pro.28:9)

Many begin their decline by failing to hearken to God's Word as It is preached. They quit listening, then they quit even hearing. Then they are g\_\_\_\_. (Zec.1:4; Heb.10:25)

The devil has lulled us into a l\_\_\_\_ state. We can no longer listen and think for more than a f\_\_ minutes. We have lost our minds as far as knowing how to be still and l\_\_\_\_ with a thinking and reasoning mind.

**1 Corinthians 1: 21** For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of p\_\_\_\_\_ to save them that believe.

My friend, if you won't hear t\_\_\_\_ preacher, you wouldn't be persuaded if you heard the Lord Jesus personally! (Luk.16:27-31)

Christian, listening to the Word is God's p\_\_\_\_\_ way for your protection and growth. (Act.2:41-42; 14:21-23; 20:28-32; 1Ti.4:13-16; 2Ti.4:1-4)

Purpose to listen a\_\_\_\_\_ to the Bible preached, for It is God's Word. Listen p\_\_\_\_\_, for He it is that gives understanding. Listen p\_\_\_\_\_, for It is His Word for you!

## ***II. Look***

Don't be content to listen only. Look for y\_\_\_\_\_. Read this precious Book, God's Word. (Act.17:11)

Behold the S\_\_\_\_\_ as you read, for He is the One revealed here. (Joh.1:29; 5:39; 2Co.3:18)

In the Bible God has given you the light that you need for your d\_\_\_\_\_ living. (Psa.119:105; 2Ti.3:16-17)

Children, read the Bible! Spurgeon had read the Bible through t\_\_\_\_ times by the age of e\_\_\_\_\_. (2Ti.3:15).

If the Lord wills, you will have 1,440 minutes every day and 525,600 in the year. Will you purpose now to set aside some of these each day to look into the Bible?