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**The Idea:** The study of the Word of God is fundamental to everything else we do. We are often content to allow others to study it for us and while that is not a total loss, it means we are deprived of the enrichment of a personal study that not only helps us grip the meaning of Scripture but also to grow in a fuller appreciation of God's work. Private Bible study enables one to more fully participate in group study and better equips one for meeting the issues of life. I think in these few talks I can only scratch the surface and my hope is that all of us will be encouraged to be more committed to the study of the Word.

### **MESSAGE # 1: Introducing the Subject**

Biblical Passages: 2 Timothy 3:14-17, 2:15; 1 Timothy 4:12-16; Titus 2:1

#### **I. Introducing the Subject:**

The problem lies in the fact that we are willing (as noted above) to allow others to do the work for us...the Bible being a large and involved book. But the admonition of Scripture is for a personal study with the implication that all of God's people are competent to study the Word. We believe in the "perspicuity of Scripture" which implies that the Bible is plain in its great teachings and that all should have access to them by study. We do not think the Bible teaches a particular professional class of Bible students as opposed to a great mass that simply listens to them. There are certain gifts in teaching and other spiritual fields but the Word of God is open to all of God's people and it should be a delight for us to work therein. Getting started is the great bulk of the battle.

#### **II. Discussion**

##### **A. Some helps in Bible study include:**

1. A proper approach about what the Bible is: the revelation of God's truth to man so that mankind might know Him and enjoy His salvation and glorify God thereby.
2. Some tools to assist in a hard spot....a concordance, a