

## PERSONALIZATION OF SCRIPTURE



1. **Pray** – talk to God about this time with Him. Ephesians 1:17-19 is a great starting place! Submit your mind to God and ask Him to show you what/how He thinks.
2. Determine which **passage of Scripture** you would like to discuss with God. Remember that time in the Word is not necessarily reading *about* Him, but rather, listening *to* Him. The Bible is a gift given to us for our *transformation*, not merely *information*.
3. **Read** the entire passage – in context - to yourself
4. Now **read it aloud**. Imagine the tone of voice the original writer would use - inflections, pitch and volume, pauses, word stress, etc. Do this with God's words, as well.
5. **Underline** words and/or phrases that catch your attention
6. Read the passage in different **versions and paraphrases**. Option: copy/paste various versions into one document for underlining, making comparisons and taking notes.
7. **Copy** (by hand) the passage, exactly as it is written in your Bible
8. Write it again, but in **first person**, using personal pronouns such as “I, my and mine”.  
**Note:** only do steps 8 -9 with scriptures which contain eternal principles of truth!
9. Enlarge your thinking using these kinds of **options** ...
  - Look up Greek/Hebrew word meanings here: <https://www.blueletterbible.org/>
  - Write it in your own words using Greek/Hebrew definitions
  - Write it as a personal prayer
  - Write your thoughts as you meditate on the passage
  - Ask questions: with obvious answers, unanswerable questions, thought-provoking and probing questions
  - Create personal application questions such as: How can these principles of truth change me when I am at home, when I am alone, when I am at work, etc.?
10. **Pray** through the passage in detail; talk with God conversationally concerning all He has been showing you.
11. Determine the key verse and **memorize** it
12. **Pray** for an opportunity to share what you have learned with someone else!
13. Do something **creative** to illustrate the passage