

TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES: Education and Appropriation
Use the following techniques to help you integrate God's word into your life:

I. EDUCATION

- To gain basic knowledge about your issue:
 - Look up verses using study resources like a topical bible, concordance, search engine such as Crosswalk.com, StudyLight.org., or BlueLetterBible.org
 - Read your verse within its context
 - Once you have a verse(s) dealing with your specific issue, pick out key words and phrases within the verse(s) that stand out to you.
- To gain a deeper understanding of the biblical principle:
 - Look up cross-referenced verses from your study bible
 - Read commentaries
 - Find key words in the dictionary or original language
 - Take a look at literary style and historical setting
- Biblically redefine your view of the truth by:
 - Using a secular dictionary to find the world's definition
 - Journaling your thoughts and feelings about this topic in order to identify your current personal definition
 - Comparing these definitions to the biblical definition as stated in the verses you've found
 - Agreeing with God that His thoughts are above your thoughts (Is 55:9)
 - Asking the Holy Spirit to renew your mind with the truth of your new Scriptural definition each time the issue arises (Jn 14:26, Rom 12:2)

II. APPROPRIATION

- Appropriation is a biblical technique for laying hold of the spiritual blessings that God has stored up for you in Christ: 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.
- Appropriation, defined-- taking possession of, making use of or seizing for oneself (Dictionary.com)
- How To
 - Turn the truth of what God has said in His word into a prayer
 - Write "MIT" in the margin of your journal or notebook when you see a truth that you desire in your life, asking God to "make it true" of you.
 - Count on God to make this truth your experience:
 - Ps 138:8-- The LORD will accomplish what concerns me
 - Heb 13:21— (May God) make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight
 - 2 Pt 1:3 NLT-- His divine power gives us everything we need for living a godly life. He has called us to receive his own glory and goodness!
 - Isaiah 55:11 GWT--My word, which comes from my mouth...will not come back to me without results. It will accomplish whatever I want and achieve whatever I send it to do."