

INFORMATION – APPLICATION – TRANSFORMATION

PART THREE

Romans 12:1, 2 – *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

INFORMATION

Information [Dictionary] – knowledge communicated or received concerning a particular fact or circumstance; knowledge gained through study, communication, research, etc.; data.

APPLICATION

Application [Dictionary] – The act of applying. [Apply – to put into action] Persistent attention.

Why don't we apply what we know?

- Thinking the people around us are controlling us.
- Didn't really get the information.
- Puffed up.
- Don't follow instructions.
- It's harder than we thought it would be.

Job 5:27 [NLT] – *We have found from experience that all this is true. Listen to my counsel, and apply it to yourself.*

- **Note**: counsel from Eliphaz the Temanite for Job.
- **AMP**: *Hear and heed it and know for yourself [for your good].*
- **His counsel**: you must be doing some evil because God punishes evil people. Besides, no mortal is right before God.

Psalms 119:124, 125 – *Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy, and teach me Your statutes. ¹²⁵I am Your servant; Give me understanding, that I may know Your testimonies.*

- **[LB]** – *Lord, deal with me in loving-kindness, and teach me, your servant, to obey; ¹²⁵for I am your servant; therefore give me common sense to apply your rules to everything I do.*
- **“know”** – know how; be skilful in.

Proverbs 2:1-5 – *My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, ²So that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; ³Yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, ⁴If you seek*

her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; ⁵Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

- “**apply**” [vs. 2] – to stretch out; to spread out; to turn, incline, influence, bend down, hold out, extend, thrust aside, thrust away.
- **Note**: apply your heart!

Proverbs 22:17-19 [NLT] – *Listen to the words of the wise; apply your heart to my instruction. ¹⁸ For it is good to keep these sayings deep within yourself, always ready on your lips. ¹⁹ I am teaching you today—yes, you—so you will trust in the LORD.*

- “**apply**” [vs. 17] – to appoint, fix, set mind to; to take one’s stand.
- “**instruction**” – knowledge, perception, skill, discernment, understanding, wisdom.

Proverbs 23:12 – *Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to words of knowledge.*

- “**Apply**” – to lead, bring or carry in; to cause to come in.
- “**instruction**” – discipline, correction.
- **Discipline** [Thesaurus] – regulated activity, prescribed habit, regimen, self-enforced practice.
- **Discipline** [NT word] – instruction which aims at increasing virtue.

Principles of Application:

- Someone else’s experience may not apply to you!
- Ask God for wisdom & understanding in how to apply the information you’ve been given.
- Influence your heart with the Word.
- Apply knowledge, perception, skill, discernment, understanding, and wisdom deep into your heart and always ready on your lips.
- Application will require discipline; that means regulated activity, prescribed habits and self-enforced practice.