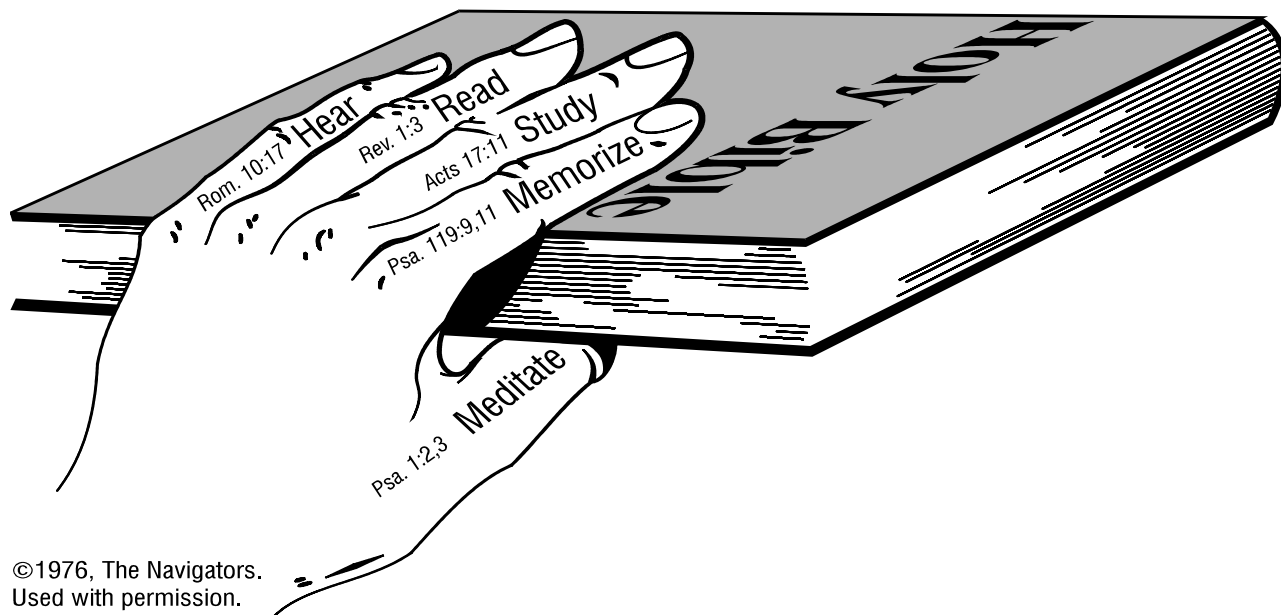


The Word Hand

THE WORD OF GOD
APPENDIX TWO



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The “Word Hand” shows us the five methods of learning from the Bible. Each of these five methods is important.

HEARING the Word from godly pastors and teachers provides us insight into others’ study of the scriptures as well as stimulating our own appetites for the Word.

READING the Bible gives us an overall picture of God’s Word. Many find helpful a daily reading program which takes them systematically through the Bible.

STUDYING the Scriptures leads us into personal discoveries of God’s truths. Writing down these discoveries helps us organize and remember them better.

MEMORIZING God’s Word enables us to use the sword of the Spirit to overcome Satan and temptations . . . to have it readily available for witnessing or helping others with a “word in season.”

MEDITATION is the thumb of the Word Hand, for it is used in conjunction with each of the other four methods. Only as we meditate on God’s Word — thinking of its meaning and application to our lives — will we discover its transforming power at work in us.