

"APPLICATION"

- The nature of a book shapes what we do w/ it, what it's for, how we apply or make use of it. How do we apply or make use of the ~~books~~ following books based on what they are?
 - Cook book.
 - Instruction manual.
 - Encyclopedia.
 - Newspaper.
 - The Bible - what is it (nature)? How does that shape how we apply it?
- Mathis describes a healthy approach to "application" as not necessarily coming away with specific "to-do's", but more foundationally allow our affections to be stirred by being astonished with God. Rather than immediately addressing maybe more surface level outward behaviors, this shapes and forms who we are from the inside.

What do you make of this approach?

- James 1 says we must be doers and not hearers only. Jesus said that the blessed person who builds his life on Jesus is the one who not only hears but does Jesus' words (Mt. 7). If we love Jesus, we will keep his commandments (Jn 15).

How do we go about making sure we are applying God's Word?

MEMORIZATION

- How do meditation and memorization work together?
- Finish the statement that best describes you?
 - 1) I have never tried memorizing scripture because...
 - 2) I have memorized scripture in the past. And some helpful techniques I found are...
 - 3) I no longer try to memorize scripture because...
 - 4) I am currently memorizing scripture because...

- What do you feel (think) was the most helpful tip or insight Mathis provided you on memorization?

LEARNING

- "Ongoing health in the Christian life is inextricably linked to ongoing learning." (pg. 84).

What do you make of this statement?

- What are some practical things you have done — or helpful tips from Mathis — to incorporate learning as a regular goal and rhythm of your life?