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Hosea 4:6 My people will be destroyed, because they have no knowledge. **You have refused to learn**, so I will refuse to let you be priests to me. You have forgotten the teachings of your God, so I will forget your children. NCV

Isaiah 5:13 Therefore my people go into exile for lack of knowledge; their honored men go hungry, and their multitude is parched with thirst. ESV

Noah Webster 1828 Dictionary:

- **Apply** - To fix the mind; to engage and employ with attention; as, *apply* thy heart to instruction.
- **Application** The act of fixing the mind; intensesness of thought; close study; attention; as, to injure the health by *application* to study.
 - Had his *application* been equal to his talents, his progress might have been greater.

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

Practical wisdom for living is the central concern for the book of proverbs!

- Note the imperatives or exhortations:
- pay attention, be attentive (4:1, 20; 5:1; 7:24),
- listen (1:8; 4:1, 10, 20; 5:1, 7; 7:24; 8:32-33)
- Proverbs 2:2 turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, NIV

It is not what you don't know that is the problem, it is what you think you know, that you don't that is the problem!

- **Proverbs 14:12** and **16:25** There's a way of life that looks harmless enough; look again — it leads straight to hell. Message

We can't apply what we don't know!

– Lord I need to know that I know!!!!!!

3 benefits of blessings of making God's word a part of you?

1. **Blessing** - vs. 17 Listen to the words of the wise; apply your heart to my instruction.

– Active listening

Joshua 1:8-9

Psalms 1:1-3

2. **Strength** - vs. 18 For **it is good** to keep these sayings in your heart and always ready on your lips.

- Memorizing the Bible – in your heart and ready on your lips!
- Hanoi Hilton – famous POW camp in the Vietnam War
- How many scriptures can I or could I quote?
- How many scriptures can you or could you quote?
- We can't apply what we don't know!
- Certainly the POWs in the Hanoi Hilton found strength to live because of their "Living Bible" that they had committed to memory...

3. **Trust** – vs.19 I am teaching you today—yes, you— **so you will trust in the Lord.**

- Jeremiah 17:5-8
- **Proverbs 3:5-8** Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. 6 Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. 7 Don't be impressed with your own wisdom. Instead, fear the Lord and turn away from evil. 8 Then you will have healing for your body and strength for your bones. NLT
- We should pray each day: Father, speak to me through Your Word help me to listen, grasp, and apply what You say so that I may learn to confidently walk in your blessings, grow in your strength and continue to develop my trust in You.

