



Application isn't just the last step of Inductive study—it's the next step towards spiritual growth. The only way to move truth off the pages of your Bible and into your life is to put it into action.

Application is more than just writing a thought-provoking question down on paper—it's allowing the life-changing truth of God's Word to permeate our daily life. Application means cooperating with God's Holy Spirit so that what we learn actually changes who we are and how we live.

1. Think about the spiritual lesson you wrote down, taking it to heart. We can't expect a change of action without a change of heart. **Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see this truth from God's perspective.**

"...the Holy Spirit teaches us, explaining spiritual things to those who are spiritual."
1 Corinthians 2:13 Phillips Translation

2. Take time to examine yourself. Some questions you might ask:

- ✦ Is this a new lesson for me, or does it reinforce what I've already learned?
- ✦ Has the Lord spoken to me about this before? How did I respond?
- ✦ What does this lesson challenge me to do?
- ✦ Does this lesson point out error in my attitude and/or actions?
- ✦ What change is required? What steps will I take to make those changes?

Write your application down in the form of a question that makes it personal and will require more than a yes or no answer. Taking the time to boil it down helps work it into both you and makes it a bite-size nugget for others.

Some practical suggestions

- ✦ Come up with a plan of action and follow through with it.
- ✦ If you fail, don't quit saying, "It didn't work for me." Start again. If you have difficulty in a particular area, you may need to make yourself accountable to another spiritually mature believer for prayer and encouragement.
- ✦ Memorize and meditate on a Scripture verse that will help you remember and practice what God has shown you to do.