

# How to take profit by reading of the holy Scriptures. (T. Grashop)

Whosoever minds to take profit by reading Scriptures must:

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| 1  | Earnestly and usually pray unto God that he will vouchsafe to  | Teach the way of his statutes.<br>Give understanding.<br>Direct in the path of his commandments.  | Psalm 119   |  |   |                                    |  |   |                          |  |   |                               |  |  |                                 |  |  |  |              |  |            |                                 |  |  |                                     |  |                  |
| 2  | Diligently keep such order of reading the Scriptures and prayer as may stand with his calling and state of life, so that | At the least twice every day this exercise be kept.<br>The time once appointed hereunto after a good entry, be no otherwise employed.<br>Superstition be avoided.<br>At one other time that be done, which is left undone at any time.  | Deut. 11:19<br>Luke 9:62<br>Isa. 2:6<br>Eph. 5:16   |  |   |                                    |  |   |                          |  |   |                               |  |  |                                 |  |  |  |              |  |            |                                 |  |  |                                     |  |                  |
| 3  | Understand to what end and purpose the Scriptures serve, which were written to   | Teach, that we may learn truth.<br>Improve, that we may be kept from error.<br>Correct, that we may be driven from vice.<br>Instruct, that we may be settled in the way of well doing.<br>Comfort, that in trouble we may be confirmed in patient hope.   | 2 Tim. 3:16-17<br>Rom. 15:4   |  |   |                                    |  |   |                          |  |   |                               |  |  |                                 |  |  |  |              |  |            |                                 |  |  |                                     |  |                  |
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| 4  | Remember that Scriptures contain matter concerning   | Commonwealths and governments of people, by   | Magistrates   Good.<br>Evil.<br>Peace and war.<br>Prosperity and plagues.<br>Subjects   Quiet.<br>Disordered. |  |   |                                    |  |   |                          |  |   |                               |  |  |                                 |  |  |  |              |  |            |                                 |  |  |                                     |  |                  |
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| 5  | Refuse all sense of Scripture contrary to the  | Articles of Christian faith, contained in the common Creed.<br>First and second table of God's commandments.  |   |  |   |                                    |  |   |                          |  |   |                               |  |  |                                 |  |  |  |              |  |            |                                 |  |  |                                     |  |                  |
| 6  | Mark and consider the  | 1. Coherence of the text, how it hangs together.<br>2. Course of times and ages, with such things as belong unto them.<br>3. Manner of speech proper to the Scriptures.<br>4. Agreement that one place of Scripture has with another, whereby that which seems dark in one is made easy in another. |   |  |   |                                    |  |   |                          |  |   |                               |  |  |                                 |  |  |  |              |  |            |                                 |  |  |                                     |  |                  |
| 7  | Take opportunity to  | Read interpreters, if he be able.<br>Confer with such as can open the Scriptures. Acts 8:30, 31, etc.<br>Hear preaching, and to prove by the Scriptures that which is taught. Acts 17:11.   |   |  |   |                                    |  |   |                          |  |   |                               |  |  |                                 |  |  |  |              |  |            |                                 |  |  |                                     |  |                  |