

Using the Bible in Caring for Others

WTS 2026 Talk 2

Introduction

How to be confident to the person who can speak the word, and persevere in that speaking?

We Must Know the Scriptures

- 1) We need an extensive knowledge
 - a) Not all people are the same and the use of the Scriptures must be adapted to the person we are speaking with.
 - b) And not all circumstances are the same even where some features are common.
 - c) And not all parts of the Bible are the same and suitable for every circumstance. Prov. 25:20, 27:14; Rom. 12:15, Eph 4:29

Being good dispensers of Scriptures medicine Is. 40, Prov. 21:1, Ps. 119:89-91; Mark 10:13-16; Hoe Ps. 103, Romans 8:31-32, Lamentations 3:19-24, Psalm 130:7; Romans 5:1-11; Assurance of forgiveness Mark 3:28-29, Luke 19:10, Luke 5:31-32, 1 Timothy 1:15, Revelation 3:19-20; the folly of sin – David, 1 Cor. 10:6-13, Genesis 3

- 2) We need intensive knowledge 2 Cor. 1:3-10; Prov. 3:5-8, Romans 5:1-5, Genesis 50:19-21, 1 Peter 5:5-7; Romans 8:28-30; Is. 40:6-8, 1 Thess. 4:13-18

Grounded in the gospel

- 3) We need to know the Scriptures in the context of Scriptures big story

e.g. Jeremiah 31:10-14, Mark 5:34-36, John 11:25-26, John 5:24, 14:1-6, 1 Peter 1:3-

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Individual verses – Heb. 13:5 – Josh 1:5, 2 Pet 3:8-9- Psalm 90_3-6 , Romans 14:11, Isaiah 45:23

Matt. 28:20, Psalms 121, 23; Romans 8:35-39, Is. 40, Phil. 3:20-21, Matt. 11:28-30, Is. 26:3-4, Rev. 21:3-4, Hebrews 2:14-15, Hebrews 4:16, John 10:27-29

Do a list of your own

We must know ourselves

Awareness of frailty 2 Cor. 4:7

Of grief

Of powerlessness 2 Cor. 12:9

Being able to receive as well as give

Our need to be a joyful Christian 1 Thess. 5:16-18

To be self reflective

We must love

1 Cor. 13

Love to overcome our laziness or fear

Love to be patient and kind

Love is present

Love listens

Love wants them to know Jesus

Nurture love 1 John 3:16, 4:9-11

Some Questions

Does God know? Does He really know me?

Does God care? Does He care for those I love?

Is He able to help?

Is He trustworthy?

Is He in control?

Does He hear me?

Will He forget me?

When will He help? Why doesn't He help me now?

Is there an end?

Why?

My sin?

Training/discipline

Purpose

Can I be forgiven?

Is persevering worth it?

What did I expect, what should we expect?

Some Contexts

All the time

Discouraged and Weary

Slipped up in sin

Tempted to sin

Pregnancy

Marriage

Anxiety about work, money

Decisions

Persecution at work or school

Government

Acute illness [hospital visiting]

Chronic illness [hospital visiting]

Mental illness

Dementia

Grieving - Hope

Facing death/life threatening diagnosis