

***In simple humility, let our gardener, God, landscape you with the Word, making a salvation-garden of your life. James 1:21 (MSG)***

## **THE T.I.R.E.S. OF SCRIPTURE (WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD)**

### **T. TRUST ITS AUTHORITY**

***And now we look back on all this and thank God, ... When you got the Message of God we preached, you didn't pass it off as just one more human opinion, but you took it to heart as God's true word to you, which it is, God himself at work in you believers! 1 Thessalonians 2:13 (MSG)***

WHAT IS YOUR AUTHORITY?

- CROWD – EXODUS 23:2
- CUSTOM – MARK 7:8
- CONSCIENCE – PROVERBS 16:25; 1 TIMOTHY 4:2; JUDGES 21:25  
(MSG/NIV/GW/)

***Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. 17 Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (MSG)***

### **I. INGEST ITS TRUTH**

***As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious. 1 Peter 2:2-3 (NKJV)***

***Remember what Christ taught, and let His Word enrich your lives and make you wise... Colossians 3:16 (LB)***

HEAR – LUKE 8:13,18; HEBREWS 2:1  
READ – REVELATION 1:3; COLOSSIANS 4:16  
EXAMINE – ACTS 17:11; 2 TIMOTHY 2:15  
MEMORIZE – PSALM 119:11; DEUTERONOMY 11:18  
REFLECT – 2 TIMOTHY 2:7; LUKE 2:19

### **R. RELIVE ITS PRINCIPLES**

***But don't just listen to God's Word; You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. James 1:22 (NLT)***

***Luke 8:21; 11:28***

***These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. 25 Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock Matthew 7:24-25 (MSG)***

### **E . EXPRESS ITS POWER**

***Keep this book of the law on your lips. Recite it by day and by night...then you will successfully attain your goal. Joshua 1:8 (NAB)***

***Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with Scripture – "I believed, and so I spoke" – we also believe, and so we speak. 2 Corinthians 4:13 (NRSV)***

***Psalm 68:1; Romans 10:8; Ezekiel 37***

***For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God 2 Corinthians 1:20 (NIV)***

### **S . SHARE ITS INSIGHT**

***Luke 24:27,32, 45; Acts 8:35; 17:2-3; Romans 1:12***

***Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God Colossians 3:16 (NIV)***

***They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42 (NIV)***

***For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring Word of God. 1 Peter 1:23 (NIV)***

### **Four Commitments For 2012**

- Commit to weekly worship in 2012
- Plug into growth groups in 2012
- Find a place to serve my community in 2012
- Share my faith with the unchurched in 2012

## **WALK THE TALK**

### **Growth Group Resource**

1. When you were a child, who did you look up to the most? Why?
2. What is the most descriptive word you can think of to describe the Bible? Why did you choose that word?
3. When you think about the T.I.R.E.S. of Scripture (see above outline), which letter challenges you the most of all of the others? Explain.
4. What are some creative ways to get the Bible working in your life? How do the suggestions above under the letter "I" help you?
5. Why do you think the Bible encourages us to "speak the Word" so much? In what area right now could you begin to speak the truth of Scripture into your circumstances? Into the lives of others?

**If you are reading this right now, have you committed to being part of a Growth Group at Crosswind yet? If not, why not?**

Formulate a plan among each other in our Growth Group to hold each other accountable in the four fundamental compass points of life (Worship, Community, Service, Mission). (Example – Work as a team at a Weekend Service. Sit together at a Weekend Service. Do a community service project together. Etc.)



***More Truth***  
***Accelerate – Part 4***  
***Relentlessly Pursuing More***

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