

Abiding in Christ's Word (John 8:31)

v. 30 – Many came to believe in Him

- Would-be believers? – abiding ⇒ _____
- Or true believers? - abiding ⇒ _____

Interpretation Help – use of *abide* in gospel of John

<u>3:36</u>	<u>5:38</u>
<u>14:10</u>	<u>14:17</u>
<u>14:23</u>	<u>15:4-6</u>
<u>15:7-8</u>	<u>15:9-10</u>

1. Abide = _____ or _____
2. Can be used with respect to _____ of the lost
3. Can be used ⇒ believer's _____ with God
Command ⇒ believer's _____ and _____

Principles of Abiding for the Disciple

1. An expression of the _____ of the believer to Christ
2. An expression of the _____ of the believer to Christ
3. Abiding in Christ's word = a _____ intake of and _____ to God's Word.

Motivation for Abiding in Christ's Word

1. Christ's _____ (John 8:31)
2. Seeing _____ do it

Benefits of Abiding in Christ's Word

1. Spiritual _____ (1 Pet. 2:2)
2. Keep from _____ (Psa. 119:11)
3. _____ God (Jn. 1:1,14)
4. Fruit-bearing and _____ prayer (Jn. 15:7-8)
4. Guidance to know God's _____ (Ps. 119:98-100; Rom. 12:2)
5. _____ to others (2 Tim. 2:15; 4:2; Tit. 1:9)
6. Fruitful, blessed, with staying _____ (Psa. 1:1-3) **(over)**

Close-Up – 2 Tim. 3:16-17

1. All Scripture is inspired by God ⇒ _____ wrote the Bible
2. Scripture is profitable
 - For _____
 - For **reproof**
 - For _____
 - For _____ **in righteousness**
3. Result (v. 17) – *the man of God is adequate / equipped*

Action Steps

Intake of the Word of God

1. Hearing
2. Reading
3. _____
4. M _____
5. M _____

Devoted to God's Word

1. I _____ it!
2. _____ to the Word of God
3. Learning God's Word in order to _____ it
4. Seeking the _____ of the Word
5. P _____
6. P _____ - I abide in God's Word / His Word _____ in me
7. P _____

Questions to Consider

- Am I practicing a regularity of study and devotion to God's Word?
- If not, why not?
- If yes, but it's a struggle...where are the battle lines?
How might I win the battle?