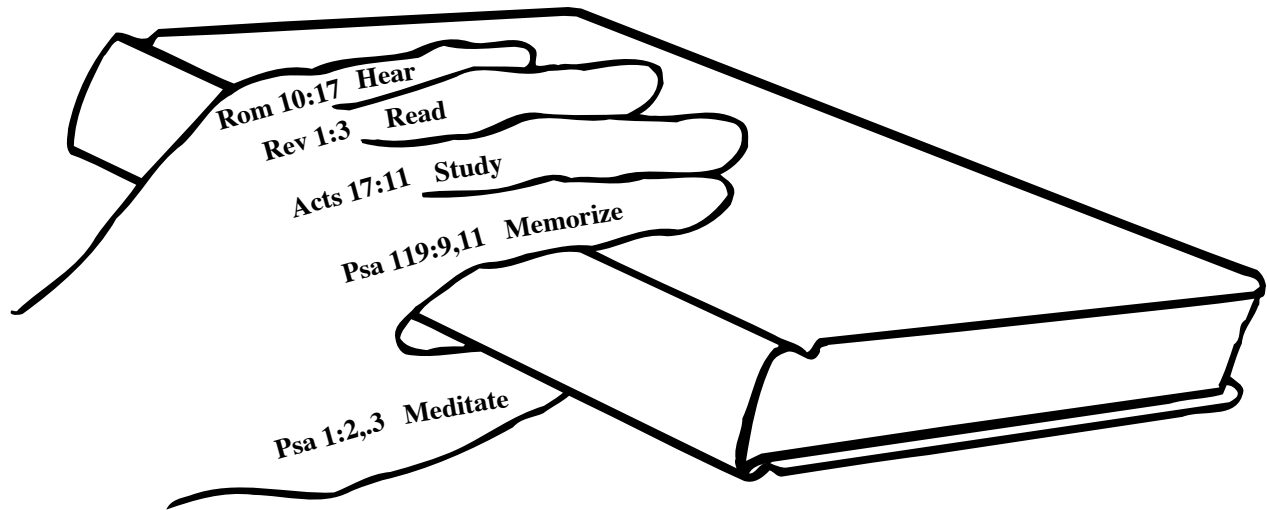


# The Hand

The Hand illustrates five ways that we can get a grasp of the Word of God. Each one of them is important and vital to our growth in Christ.



## Hearing

God has called leaders to preach and teach the Bible to us. Each of us needs the instruction and encouragement of Hearing the Word taught on a regular basis.

## Reading

In order to gain an understanding of God's work and plan from beginning to end we must read the Bible. The whole Bible can be read in as little as 80 hours by the average reader. Reading the Bible gives us breadth.

## Studying

Studying the Word gives us insight into the meaning of God's message to us. Studying the Word gives us depth.

## Memorizing

Choosing select passages and Memorizing the Word is valuable both for our own personal growth but also for ministry to others. We can share the gospel message with those who don't know Christ and share the Word with fellow believers.

## Meditation

Meditation on God's Word is the thumb of the Hand. The thumb is able to touch each of the fingers. Likewise we can meditate on the Word as we hear it taught, read through it, study it and memorize it. Meditation is considering the implications of God's Word for our own lives. It is reflection on the Word for the purpose of personal application.