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- I. Test or examine yourself** - 2 Cor. 13:5 - If you are not a true believer, you will never be able to fully understand the Scripture. The work of the Holy Spirit makes it possible.
- II. Confess and forsake sin continually** - 1 John 1:9
 - A. Prov. 28:13
 - B. 1 Peter 2:1-2 - Putting aside
 - C. Eph. 4:22-24 - Put off/put on principle
- III. Prepare yourself for the message**
 - A. Praying
 - B. Getting to bed on time
 - C. Rising early to get ready
 - D. Worship through the week
- IV. Adjust your attitude** - Ps. 119:18, 40, 96
 - A. Through prayer
 - B. Through disciplined thought - Rom. 12 - By the renewing of the mind
 - C. Expect to hear truth
- V. Eliminate distractions** - Rom. 13:14
- VI. Make concerted effort to understand** - Ps. 119:11
 - A. Take notes
 - B. Write your own thoughts
- VII. Practice and develop your discernment skills** - Acts 17:11; 1 Thess. 5:21-22
 - A. Examine the teaching carefully
 - B. Maintain a humble, teachable spirit
- VIII. Discuss the message** - Rom. 15:14
 - A. With other Christians
 - B. Ask questions
 - C. Share encouragement
 - D. Talk about challenges
- IX. Study and read further**
 - A. Refer to commentaries
 - B. Discuss with teacher or knowledgeable believers
- X. Purpose to make necessary changes** - Jam. 1:22-25
 - A. Pray over the changes
 - B. Practice them daily