

somebody expound the Word, than to go right to it yourself? If so, you are not making the progress in the Christian life that you should; for this is the means, here, given for your growth: "Desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby."

Recently I was speaking at a state university and talking with ^athe student~~s~~ afterwards, I was asked an interesting question. He said, "I would like to study the Word of God, but," he said, "my time is limited; I have many classes; so I can't put in day after day at it. I would like to know what is the best way to study that Word in order that I might get the most good from it."

And I got to thinking about it. What is most essential in the study of the Word of God? I decided some various points that I think might be of some interest to some of you.

First, I would say this -- that we use some one method long enough to get somewhere with it, that we don't just hit and miss, here and there, but that we take a definite method of study and then carry it through; and, then, I think it equally important that we don't confine ourselves to one method. We should try to use a number of various methods of study, carrying one a certain distance, and another a certain distance, and thus each one helps with the other. Any of you who have made much progress in the study of a language knows how vital this is. If you take a language and study it by word, by word, by word, by word, by word, learning everything you can about each word, it will take you years to develop enough vocabulary and familiarity with the language to get anywhere. We have to read long passages; but if take and simply skim over long passages, you will never get that exactness, you will never get that precise knowledge that is necessary if you are to understand these passages correctly. In connection with the Word of God, it is vital necessary that we take particular ^{points} ~~passages~~ and study them very^{,very,} minutely, and it is also important that we read large areas of the Word and that we gain not only a familiarity with one section but with the entire book that God has given us.