



The Way of Wisdom

Part One: **Soak**

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Significant change rarely unfolds smoothly

Civil Rights movement, the American Revolution, Good Friday

Multiple voices, multiple meanings

Language and simplification (leading to easy denial or exaggeration, loss of nuance)

The sheer volume, pathos, and style of messages bombarding each of us

How to think versus **what** to think

Five wisdom principles for discerning the massive input:

Soak, Suspect, Submit, Study, Step

Principle Number 1: **Soak in the Scriptures**

The temptation of de-prioritizing the Bible in light of the volume of other material

Meditate on the Scriptures day and night: **Joshua 1:8-9, Psalm 1:2, 119:97**

Differentiating two kinds of meditation: emptying and focusing: **Psalm 119:15**

Constancy as a habit of mind and the possibility of simultaneity

The analogy of driving

To soak: is to stay in something long enough for it to get inside of you!

Prosperous/success: entering into the true good: **verse 8**

Strength and courage come to a heart anchored in God's revealed truths: **verse 9**

How to Soak?

Attitudes: desire/affection: **Psalm 1:2, 119:16, 97, 167**; openness: **John 17:7**

Action: time, repetition, memorizing, verbalizing, reading.

Reading for analysis (breaking into parts), reading for synthesis (large swaths)

An invitation to read the entire New Testament this summer!

Moving beyond the search for prooftexts to buttress our already-held positions

Trusting in the supernatural character of the Scriptures in tandem with Holy Spirit

The Immerse Bible: <https://www.tyndale.com/sites/immerseible/>

What does the New Testament have to add to the current national conversation around

race? The one family of Gentiles and Jews, Samaritans and Jews, life under Roman oppression, value for the marginalized and the vulnerable, wealth and generosity, Jesus' view of power, the nature of sin, personal responsibility and collective responsibility, the power for true heart change, what love actually looks like, the dignity of the individual, warnings against judging others' hearts and intentions, Jesus' concerns for whole persons, hypocrisy, empty expressions of religiosity, and more!