

Introduction to Ephesians: Immeasurably More!

“Ephesians is a gigantic epistle intellectually, full of long sentences and vast phrases that carry a tremendous weight of meaning.” J. I. Packer

“The Christian’s riches in Christ.” Warren Wiersbe

“The whole letter is a magnificent combination of Christian doctrine and Christian duty, Christian faith and Christian life, what God has done through Christ and what we must be and do in consequence.” John Stott

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There are four characteristics which you will need to be a gem mining student of Scripture:

1 – be dependent on the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

2 – be eager to study

Psalms 119:10-11 With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! ¹¹ Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You

3 – have a teachable attitude

Psalms 119:12-15 Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes! ¹³ With my lips I have declared All the judgments of Your mouth. ¹⁴ I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As much as in all riches. ¹⁵ I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways.

4 – discipline yourselves **2 Timothy 2:15** ¹⁵ Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Questions for consideration and discussion

- ❖ Do you think that Bible study will make a difference in your life? Why?
- ❖ What areas do you know that the Lord wants to work on?
- ❖ Is there a particular area of spiritual growth that you are pursuing?
- ❖ What kind of changes do you want to see in your life as a result of being in this Bible study?
- ❖ Is this Bible study something to check off your list, or is it a part of your desire to grow closer to the Lord?
- ❖ Are you willing to cooperate with the Lord, with Jesus and the Holy Spirit – as He shows you areas in which to grow?
- ❖ At the end of this study, do you want to be the same person that you are today? How do you want to be different?
- ❖ Why did you sign up for this Bible study?