Listen to the Word

Word of the Day: Word

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4) Read and Know the Word

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E) Read It

- Learn to Read as if this is the first time you have read the stories.
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- A mistake that happens in false Christians and cults is that they read the Bible and make it say what they want it to say instead of what it is saying.
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F) Meditate on it.

- Christian Meditation is not emptying your mind but filling your mind with Gods word. (Rom. 12:2; Col. 3:2,16; Phil. 4:8)
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