Heart Applications -- Study:

**Getting to Know You:** What was the easiest thing for you to learn? (a subject in school, a skill, a craft, …) What do you like to learn about?

**Watch:** Learning to Love God with Your Mind  (6:38)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ov7njE1l9OU>

1. How does the greatest commandment in Matthew 22:37 ((“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’”) fit this idea of Heart Applications?

2.  A. W. Tozer is quoted in the video as having said, “What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”  Do you agree with Tozer? What does it take to think rightly about God?

3.  The video also mentioned that “We love God by using our brain to the fullest to the glory of God.  How can we use our brains to give God glory in our career, our school, or other parts of our lives…?

**Read:** 2 Timothy 2:14-19  New International Version (NIV)

Dealing With False Teachers

***14****Keep reminding God’s people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen.****15****Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who* *correctly handles the word of truth.****16****Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly.****17****Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,****18****who have departed from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some.****19****Nevertheless, God’s solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: “The Lord knows those who are his,” and, “Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness.”*

4 In the King James Version (KJV), 2 Timothy 2:15 says

***15 “****Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”* Why is study so important?

1. Do you like to debate? What is the danger in quarreling?
2. Who is someone you know who “*correctly handles the word of truth”?* Is this person easy to be around? Why or why not?
3. Is study more like listening or more like talking?
4. What are some false teachings that are spreading like gangrene today? What can we do to NOT fall for these popular false teachings?
5. What promises can we hold on to in this passage?
6. In our branch of Christianity, study is probably the most emphasized heart application. Why do you think that is? Do you think we emphasize study to the neglect of the other heart applications?

**Application:** If possible, try to do one of the following this week—

1. Write down 15-20 observations on the Bible text you are reading. The first few are the easiest, but the last ones are the most rewarding.
2. Endeavor to find a life verse or a verse for this year that meets you where you are at and points you to the promises of God.
3. Read books on the character of God, such as The Knowledge of the Holy by A. W. Tozer or Knowing God by J. I. Packer.
4. Go to a conference. (Worship God, Catalyst, If: Gathering, Global Leadership Summit… are just a few that are quite helpful.)
5. Study the seven basic topics in systematic theology (God, humankind, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Church, eschatology, and revelation) and know WHY you believe what you believe. Wayne Grudem’s Systematic Theology is quite good!
6. Audit an online class at a Bible college you respect on a topic that interests you; talk to God about what you are learning and seek ways to practice it in your life.