

TEN “MUSTS”

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Psalm 119:9-16

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- 1)** I **must** be born again (*John 3:3,7*). The person who is not born again, cannot understand God’s Word (*1 Cor. 2:14*).
- 2)** I **must** hunger for God’s truth which is found in God’s Word: “If ye continue in My word...ye shall know the truth” (*John 8:31-32*).
- 3)** I **must** desire to do God’s will: “If any man will do His will [desires to do His will], He shall know of the doctrine...” (*John 7:16-17*).
- 4)** I **must** desire to grow: “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word” (*1 Pet. 2:2*).
- 5)** I **must** obey the truth that I already know: “If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them” (*John 13:17*).
- 6)** I **must** be a doer of the Word: “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only” (*James 1:22*).
- 7)** I **must** not only learn Christ’s commandments but I must learn to observe [keep] His commandments: “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen” (*Matthew 28:20*).
- 8)** I **must** take heed not only to the doctrine but also to myself: “Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them” (*1 Timothy 4:16; see also Acts 20:28*).
- 9)** I **must** realize that understanding the Bible is hard work: “Study [be diligent, make every effort] to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth” (*2 Timothy 2:15*).
- 10)** I **must** realize that understanding is a gift from the Lord and thus I need to be right with the Lord and spiritually prepared and ready to receive understanding from Him (*2 Tim. 2:7; James 1:21*).

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