

STUDY for KNOWLEDGE

3. **STUDY** the Word for **Knowledge**

- A. **Romans 15:4** “For whatever was written in earlier times **was written for our instruction**, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”
- B. **II Timothy 2:15** “**Study** to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the Word of truth.**”

EZRA 7:8-10

8 He came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king. **9** For on the first of the first month he began to go up from Babylon; and on the first of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, **because the good hand of his God was upon him.** **10** For **Ezra had set his heart to study** the law of the Lord and **to practice** it, and **to teach** His statutes and ordinances in Israel.

1. **SITUATION**

- A. FOREIGN** = Returning from a Babylon to Jerusalem
- B. FAVOR** = with the King Artaxerxes because of his Favor with God.

Ezra 7:6 “This Ezra went up from Babylon, and he was a scribe **skilled in the law of Moses**, which the Lord God of Israel had given; and the king granted him all he requested **because the hand of the Lord his God was upon him.**”

Ezra 7:21 (NASB) “I, even I, **King Artaxerxes**, issue a decree to all the treasurers who are in the provinces beyond the River, that **whatever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven**, may require of you, it shall be done diligently,

2. **STUDY**

- A. FOCUSED** = “**10** For **Ezra had set his heart to study** the law of the Lord ”
- B. FOUNDATION** = of his study = “...the law of the Lord.”

3. **SEQUENCE**

- A. PASSION** = “...set his heart to study the law of the Lord”
- B. PRACTICE** = OBEDIENCE
- C. PASS IT ON** = TEACH