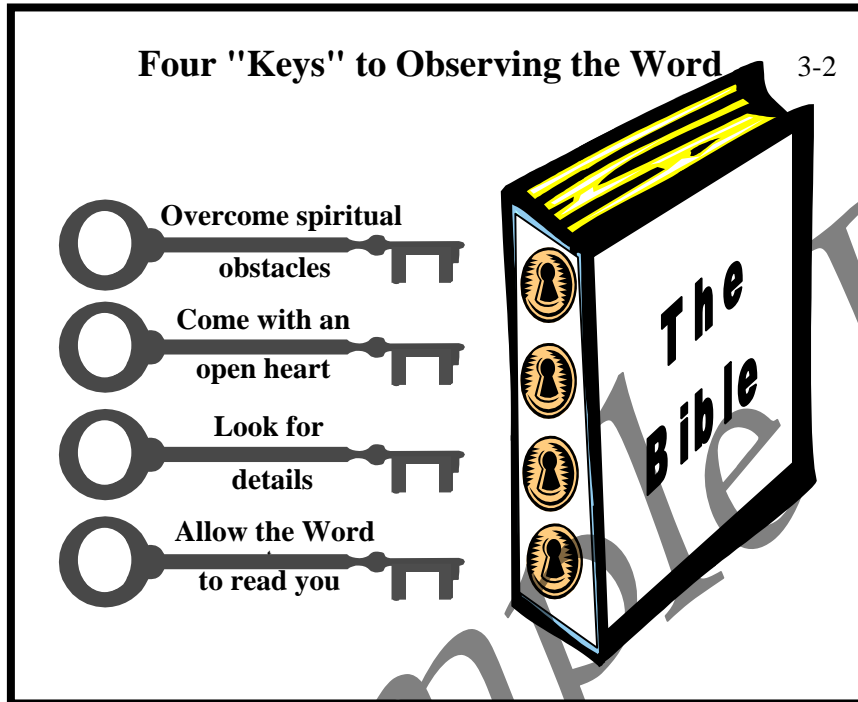
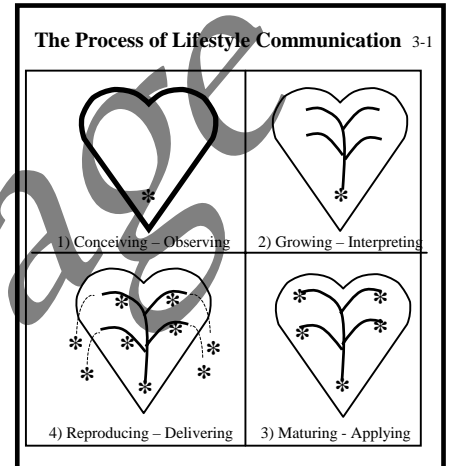


A. Observing the Word.

(Suggested teaching time: 20 minutes)



Show transparency 3-1. Remind the group that we examine the Conceiving process in this session.



This section gives further detail on what you introduced to the audience in Session 2 concerning the Conception of the Word.

Show transparency 3-2.

Use it to amplify the fact that these are the "keys" that unlock the individual's ability to observe when coming to the Word.

1. Overcome Spiritual Obstacles.

- a. *Spiritual blindness* can hinder the process of observing in the Word. It is possible to "see without seeing" (Jer 5:21).
- b. *Dullness of hearing* can stand in the way of observing in the Word. It is possible to "hear without hearing" (Dt 29:4).
- c. *Dullness of heart* can prevent the observation process from being effective. When the heart is dull, it may not be possible to sense what God is saying (Ac 28:27).
- d. *Hardness of heart* is even more serious. It may be impossible for God to deal with you if your heart is hard (Eze 12:2).

Use this first point to emphasize the importance of removing things in your life that will block conception of the Word.

Drive home the fact that you can go no further in the process of preparation if these obstacles are not removed!