

“How to Study the Bible”

2 Timothy 2:15

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.”

Study

(Greek: Spoudazo ~ Labour)

Approved

(Greek: Dokimos ~ Acceptable)

Workman

(Greek: Ergates ~ Toiler / Teacher / Laborer)

Rightly Divide

(Greek: Orthotomeo ~ Dissect / Expound on)

The Word

(Greek: Logos ~ Divine Expression or Speech)

Truth

(Greek: Aletheia ~ True / Real)

According to 2 Timothy 3:16, 17, the Bible is a collection of sacred scriptures written by men, divinely inspired by God for the equipping of every good work.

(B) Basic (I) Instructions (B) Before (L) Leaving (E) Earth

Romans 15:4 ~ In other words, the purpose of The BIBLE is for us to learn from its literature and to share life lessons of help, hope, and healing in our lives.

2 Things Needed for Effective Study

1. Bible (*Instructions / Spiritual Manual*) ... Proverbs 4:13
2. Prayer (*Direction / Tour Guide to Peace*) ... Philippians 4:6, 7
 - a. Wisdom (*Interprets the Word*) ... Proverbs 3:13, 14
 - b. Knowledge (*Remembers the Word*) ... Proverbs 2:6 / Psalms 119:11
 - c. Understanding (*Apply the Word*) ... Proverbs 4:5-9

Remember to use nothing but the Word of God! (Psalms 119:105)

What Bibles are good for effective study?

(KJV) ... King James Version

(This Bible was created for the modern day church ... this is the one we use)

(NKJV) ... New King James Version

(The modified Bible of the King James Version as well as the New American Standard Bible)

(NASB) ... New American Standard Bible

(Reference Bible ... It's the closest thing to the original languages {Hebrew, Greek, & Arabic} written)

(NIV) ... New International Version

(A simplified version of the King James Version ... mainly used for illustration / interpretation only)

(LB) ... The Living Bible

(Normally called the Amplified Bible ... It's the simplest Bible Version for Bible Beginners)

3 Stages of Study

1. Observation (Matthew 28:20)

- a. Read the Word without taking notes
- b. Watch for Key Words, Phrases, Repeats, Atmosphere Clues, and Word Emphasis

2. Interpretation (Ephesians 6:18, 19)

- a. Read the Word again and take notes
- b. Book Study or Chapter Study (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, & HOW)
- c. Do a Background Check (Historical, Cultural, and Spiritual)

3. Application (Psalms 119:11)

- a. Life Application (take what you've learned and apply it to you life)
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How Do I Apply What I've Learned To My Life?

Take the information accumulated and apply it to the areas that require immediate spiritual attention. You should be able to use what you've learned to help your life as well as the lives of others. If you want to start a study practice, then start in PROVERBS or Identify your weak place and do Word Study, i.e. peace, joy, praise, hope, faith, etc. Proverbs contains a lot of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding for every aspect of life.