

HOW TO STUDY THE **BIBLE**

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WHY WE STUDY THE BIBLE

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Bible-reading with a closed heart grieves the Holy Spirit. And your relationship with others is connected to your relationship with the Holy Spirit which in turn is connected to your reception of the Word.

If you're hurt, you may seek an unhealthy defense from Scriptures. You may weaponize Scriptures. Bible-reading in devotion is fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

“For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”

2 Peter 1:19-21 (KJV).

“All scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness...”

2 Timothy 3:15-16 (KJV).

IF THE
SCRIPTURES
WERE
INSPIRED BY
THE HOLY
SPIRIT,
SCRIPTURES
CAN ONLY BE
UNDERSTOOD
BY THE HOLY
SPIRIT.

The study of the Word can not be negotiated if the man of GOD must be fit for use. GOD's Word reveals GOD's righteousness, and in turn builds you up. Accompany the reading of Scriptures with prayers.

Everyday Bible-reading is the duty of a Christian. Make it your duty to read a chapter, and joy what the Holy Spirit says when you pray.

Reading the Bible is an extended road trip that leads to perfection. Stop trying to be deep, and let the Holy Spirit teach you.

We read the Bible to know GOD.

We must see corrections, first
for ourselves, and not for
others.

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USES OF SCRIPTURES

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FOR

- **Doctrine:** establishes the truth.
- **Reproof:** exposes error and sin.
- **Correction:** re-aligns actions with the truth.
- **Instruction in righteousness:** guides right living in the truth.

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DAILY BIBLE PRACTICE

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Every day, take at least one chapter, zone into one verse. Chew on it. Meditate throughout the day. Usually, we glance through Scriptures. Do not do that – read carefully.

“Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.”
1 Timothy 4:13 (KJV).

Exhortation; the things the exhorter is saying are already inside you but it might look like they are not with you partly because things are clouding your heart. We will exult better when the Word is in us.

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HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

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1. Slowly and carefully
2. Re-read in stillness. Write out whatever lights up your heart – whatever, at all – and in your personal study note, too! “Writing is like digging a borehole for clean water; at first, it could be muddy, but with time, it gets cleaner.”

3. Take a verse, memorize it by reading it repeatedly.
4. End with prayer. Thank the LORD for what you have learned.
5. Obey the instructions you see there.

**READ THE
BIBLE
IN CONTEXT.**

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TO BE FIT FOR
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READ, MEDITATE,
AND MEMORIZE
YOUR BIBLE.**

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QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN READING

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What does this passage say?

Who is the passage talking about?

What is the subject talking about?

What is the main topic of this event?

What is the sub-topic of this verse?

Who is talking?

Who is talking to whom?

How many people spoke here?

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READING MAP

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The word "SAY" is rendered in large, bold, dark green letters. The letter "S" is a cursive-style "S". The letters "A" and "Y" are in a sans-serif font. The letters overlap each other, with the "S" partially hidden behind the "A" and the "A" partially hidden behind the "Y". The letters are set against a plain white background.

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Your goal is to get the basic facts by reading in context. Never isolate bible verse(s) from context. The meaning of every verse is corroborated by its other surrounding verses.

MEAN

Your goal is to get the intended meaning. Identify what the inspired writer meant when he wrote that passage.

Compare references (know the meaning of the words used in the passage) – read in other standard translations (KJV, NASB, AMPC, NIV, NLT, MSG, TPT).

NOTE: THIS BECOMES EASY IF YOU GET NUMBER 1 RIGHT.

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APPY

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“How does this apply to my life?” Ask yourself. Every passage in the Bible has an application in your life.

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**NOTE: IF YOU GET THE NUMBER 2 RIGHT,
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE ACTION POINTS;
THEREBY, PUTTING THE PRINCIPLES AND
MEANINGS INTO PRACTICE.**

The Bible was written for us. The meanings are for direct application. And Bible-reading should be accompanied with prayers. Therefore, write out the prayer points in the verses.

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How does this fit with other verses in the chapter and the book entirely?

How does this fit to other cross-referenced verses in the entire Bible? (Because the Bible is an intertextual book).

Answering these questions will help you apply the truth in balance.