Why Study the Bible?

Principles of Bible Study

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Ephesians 5:8-10

for you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

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Proverbs 2:4-5

If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; Then you will discern the fear of the LORD, And discover the knowledge of God.

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Acts 17:11

Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily, to see whether these things were so.

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Ezra 7:10

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.

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John 8:31-32

Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

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2 Timothy 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.

How to Study the Bible

- How do I get started?
- What do I do?
- Where do I study?
- What is my goal?

How to Study the Bible

Psalm 119:18

Open my eyes, that I may behold
Wonderful things from Thy law.

How to Study the Bible

Genesis 32:26

Then he said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking." But he said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

How to Study the Bible

James 1:22

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

How to Study the Bible

- 5 Areas to Emphasize
- 3 Basic Bible Study Principles
- Study the Bible by the Book

5 Areas to Emphasize

1) Knowledge of God - Author
2) Personal Application – Self
3) Progression of Thought – Context
4) Important Issues – Doctrine
5) General Application - Ministry

3 Basic Bible Study Principles

1) Observation
   - What does it say?
2) Interpretation
   - What does it mean?
3) Application
   - How shall I obey it?

Study by the Book

- Full appreciation
- Correct interpretation and application
- Confident and authoritative teaching
- Retention

Benefits of Bible Study from Psalm 119

- V9-11– Helps us avoid sin
- v24 – Gives us counsel
- V25, 28 – Revives & strengthens our souls
- V52 – Brings comfort
- V66 – Discernment and knowledge
- V97-100 – Wisdom and understanding
- V105 – Guidance and direction

Benefits of Bible Study from Psalm 119

- **V116**– Sustaining strength
- **V130 –** Light and understanding for living.
- **V149, 154, 156, 159** – Revival
- **v164** – Inspires praise
- **V165** – Brings peace & stability
- **V169** – Understanding