

# Annoyingly Difficult Passages of the Bible

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Introduction —

## 1. Three Categories

A. Passages that do not \_\_\_\_\_

B. Passages that do not \_\_\_\_\_

C. Passages that do not \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Three Principles —

Guiding Principle: \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

A. We Should Not \_\_\_\_\_ Where the Scriptures \_\_\_\_\_. (Isaiah 5:21)

B. God Does Not \_\_\_\_\_ . (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

C. What Troubles Me \_\_\_\_\_ . (John 14:26, 25:26, 16:3; 1 Corinthians 2:10-13, 14; Ezekiel 36:27)

### 3. Three Rewards

A. It is \_\_\_\_\_ . (Psalm 119:105; Psalm 131)

B. It \_\_\_\_\_ . (James 1:3-8)

C. It \_\_\_\_\_ . (Ephesians 2:12; John 5:39)

#### Discussion Questions

1. Are you reading your Bible? Do you use a Bible calendar, one that takes you through every book? If so, can you maybe read more than you are now?
2. Have you ever read through a book of the Bible? Was it easy or hard? Did it give you any new insights?
3. Have you ever discovered a connection (a cross-reference) on your own, between a passage in one book and a passage in another book? Was that exciting?
4. What do you do when you encounter a difficult passage? Do you skip it? Do you power through it? What do you do with feelings of confusion or doubt or annoyance or discomfort when you read difficult passages?
5. What can you do that will make reading the whole of Scripture even more enticing? What rewards can you anticipate by reading all of God's Word, not just your favorite parts or the easiest parts?