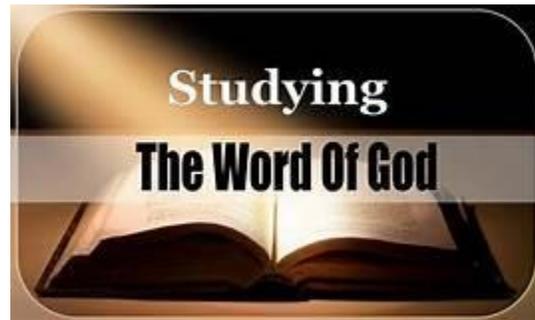


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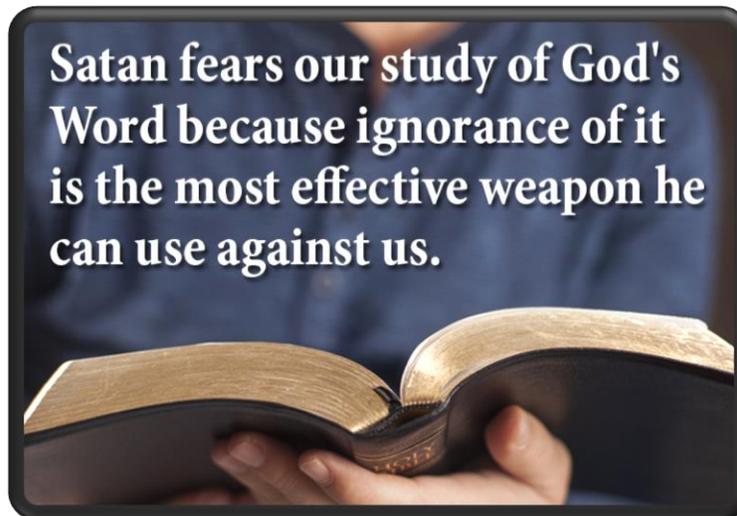
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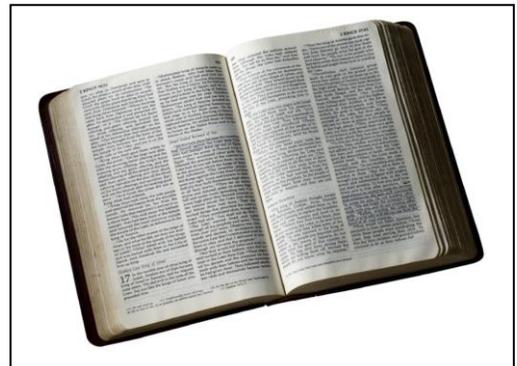
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- **The how**
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The biblical foundation

- Joshua 1:8 = This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.
- Psalm 19:7-11 = The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.
- Psalm 119:11 = They Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against You.
- Psalm 119:32 = Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, And I shall keep it to the end.
- Psalm 138:2 = I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.
- Matthew 25:35 = **Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.**
- John 15:3 = **You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.**
- John 17:17 = **Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.**
- 2 Timothy 2:15 = Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
- Hebrews 4:12 = For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- Revelation 3:22 = **He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.**
- Chuck Misler = The Word of God in an integrated message system that says the exact same thing on every page; namely, written in the blood, the Bible loudly broadcasts that Jesus is in love with you! In fact, between every letter of scripture is a hidden message of God's affection for you.



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The examples of studying God's Word

- ***Inclusive study***
 - Reading God's Word from Genesis to Revelation, word by word, line upon line, precept upon precept. (Isaiah 28:10)
 - Check out our Resources page (www.rockharborcf.com/resources) and click ONE-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN.
- ***Systematic study***
 - Systematic refers to something being put into a system. Systematic theology is, therefore, the division of theology into systems that explain its various areas. For example, many books of the Bible give information about the angels. (www.gotquestions.org)
- ***DBS study***
 - A discipleship tool we use in our Missions ministry that calls upon the Holy Spirit to illuminate God's Word. (Please refer to the Resources page on our webpage and click DISCIPLESHIP WORKSHOP for further information)
- ***Topical study***
 - Choosing a topic of interest and exploring the scriptures to determine what God says about it. For example, doing a topical study on love requires a thorough exegetical analysis of the entire Bible (there many online tools to augment topical studies).
- ***Word study***
 - Choosing a word in the scriptures and thoroughly exhausting the original language and the context the in which word in question was used. For example, choosing the word "love" – I would use a concordance to gain better understanding of love. (A concordance is an alphabetical index of biblical words that helps you discover where the word in question is used in the Bible.) For example:
 - The Strong's Exhaustive Study of the Bible
 - The NIV Bible Concordance
- ***Book study***
 - Choosing a book in the Bible and meticulously analyzing the who, the what, the when, the where and the why questions. For example, let's look at 1 John. I would research all the particulars of the book and evaluate the context to further gain knowledge on 1 John.

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The how (adapted from the *Cultivate your quiet time* workshop, held at RHCF on 12.9.18)

- **The FIVE P's** of Studying the Bible (Adrian Rogers), Psalm 119:97 = Oh how I love Your law; it is my meditation all the day.
 - The Proper Period
 - Pick a consistent time each day.
 - The Proper Preparation
 - Come with a clean and expectant heart.
 - The Proper Place
 - Pick a consistent place each day.
 - The Proper Provisions
 - Have a Bible, notepad and perhaps a cup of coffee.
 - The Proper Procedure
 - Meditate – What is the takeaway? How does this apply?
 - Record – Write down what you learned!
 - Pray – Ask God to help and make His Word applicable.
 - Obey – Do it!
- **The SIX C's** of Studying the Bible, Romans 12:2 = And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
 - It's commitment – a daily, personal pledge
 - It's comprehensive – a systematic approach
 - It's cleansing – a passion to be pure
 - It's complying – a desire for obedience
 - It's cheering – a promise of empowerment
 - It's changing – a lively variety
- **Several tools:**
 - www.enduringword.com
 - www.e-sword.net
 - www.pastorchuck.org
 - www.joncourson.com

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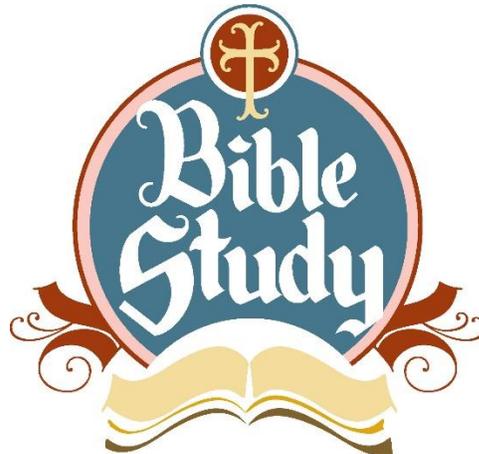
- **How I study God's Word:**

- I pray and ask for the Lord to open my mind. I turn off all electronics and ensure a distraction-free setting.
- I read the section of scripture under observation several times, in different versions.
- I listen to at least one or two sermons on the section of scripture from respected and tried Bible teachers.
- I read commentaries on the section of scripture from respected and tried Bible teachers.
- I ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to me what I need to hear.
- I utilize a tool called a *Pericope* to learn context and setting. (Please refer to the Resources page on our website and click DISCIPLESHIP WORKSHOP for further information.)
- I then develop an action plan on the area(s) God is showing me that need(s) tweaking.
- I end in prayer.

- **How Pastor John studies God's Word:**

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Closing remarks and prayer

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- Matthew 5:17-18 = Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.
 - Consider the genealogy of Genesis 5, in particular the 10 generations from Adam to Noah. Let's look at the meanings of their names –

Hebrew	English
Adam	Man
Seth	Appointed
Enosh	Mortal
Kenan	Sorrow
Mahalalel	The Blessed God
Jared	Shall come down
Enoch	Teaching
Methuselah	His death shall bring
Lamech	The Despairing
Noah	Rest or comfort

In a sentence: *Man (is) appointed mortal sorrow; (but) the Blessed God shall come down teaching (that) His death shall bring (the) despairing rest.* Here's the Gospel hidden within a genealogy in Genesis!

God's Word is amazing. Not only worthy to study, our life truly depends upon it. Let's pray. "Father..."