

Bible Study for Every Christian

Part 1: Preparation

I. THE ARGUMENTS FOR BIBLE STUDY

- **5) Christ rebuked people for not knowing the Scripture.**
 - Matt. 12:3, 5 - But He said to them, "Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, he and his companions..."Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and are innocent?"
 - Matt. 19:4 - And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created *them* from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,
 - Matt. 22:31 - "But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God:
 - Mark 12:26 - "But regarding the fact that the dead rise again, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the *passage* about the *burning bush*...

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- **6) Paul commanded Timothy to immerse himself in the Scripture in order to grow in godliness. (1 Tim. 4:6-8).**
- **7) The daily discipline of prayer and exposure to the Word results in sanctification and spiritual progress (John 17:17; 2 Tim. 3:14*-17).**
- **8) Paul directed his NT letters not only at the leadership of the church but also at its members.**
 - 2 Cor. 4:1-2
- **9) NT believers were commended by God for being diligent students of the Scripture.**
 - Acts 2:42; 17:11

II. THE GOALS OF BIBLE STUDY

- **A. Mental**
 - 1) To understand the Bible.
 - 2 Tim. 2:15
 - 2 Pet. 3:16 - [Paul] in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.
 - 2) To evaluate the teaching we hear.
 - Acts 17:11

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- **B. Relational**
 - To know our God.
 - Pr. 2:1-5
 - John 5:39 - "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me;

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- **C. Spiritual**
 - 1) To protect your soul from sin.
 - Ps. 37:31 - The law of his God is in his heart; His steps do not slip.
 - Ps. 119:11 - Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You.
 - Ps. 119:38 - Establish Your word to Your servant, As that which produces reverence for You.

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- **C. Spiritual**
 - 2) To grow in personal holiness.
 - John 17:17; 1 Tim. 4:6; 1 Pet. 1:14-19
 - 1 John 2:14 - I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.
 - 3) To be prepared for service.
 - 2 Tim. 3:17 - so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.
 - 1 Pet. 3:15 - sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

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III. THE PREREQUISITES FOR BIBLE STUDY

- **A. You must be a Christian.**
 - John 8:43 - "Why do you not understand what I am saying? *It is because you cannot hear My word.*
 - John 10:27 - "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;
 - Acts 17:18, 32; 26:24-25
 - [1 Cor. 1:18](#); [2:14-16](#)

III. THE PREREQUISITES FOR BIBLE STUDY

- **B. You must first confess your sin.**
 - [Jam. 1:21](#)
 - [1 Pet. 2:1-2](#)

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- **C. With an attitude of humility and dependence, you must pray for illumination.**
 - Ps. 119:18 - Open my eyes, that I may behold wonderful things from Your law.
 - Ps. 119:73 - Your hands made me and fashioned me; Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.
 - Ps. 119:125 - I am Your servant; give me understanding, That I may know Your testimonies.
 - Eph. 1:18 - *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,*
 - Col. 1:9-10
 - 1 John 2:27 - As for you, the anointing which you received from Him [that is, the Spirit] abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.

III. THE PREREQUISITES FOR BIBLE STUDY

- **D. You must have access to a good, literal translation of the Bible.**
 - The Bible's three languages...
 - 1) Hebrew - the OT.
 - 2) Aramaic - half of Daniel (2:4b-7:28) and two parts of Ezra was written in Aramaic.
 - 3) Greek - the NT.

THREE TRANSLATION PHILOSOPHIES...

- **1) Literal - word for word equivalence as much as possible.**
 - King James Version; New American Standard Bible; English Standard Version
- **2) Dynamic equivalence - idea or concept equivalence**
 - New International Version; New English Bible; New Living Translation
- **3) Paraphrase - the author's interpretation of the original.**
 - Phillips translation; The Living Bible

1 THESS. 1:3

- NAS - We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers; constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father,
- ESV - We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers,³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- NIV - We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers.³ We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
- NLT - We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. ³ As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1Th 1:2 NLT)
- Phillips - We are always thankful to God as we pray for you all, for we never forget that your faith has meant solid achievement, your love has meant hard work, and the hope that you have in our Lord Jesus Christ means sheer dogged endurance in the life that you live before God, the Father of us all.

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- **D. You must have access to a good, literal translation of the Bible.**
- **E. You must work hard.**
 - 2 Tim. 2:15 - Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.