

SPIRITUAL *Foundations*

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BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY

A Proven Bible Study Method
designed to help you observe the text, interpret the Scripture,
and apply the principles of God's Word.

OBJECTIVES

Learn why God values the reading and study of His Word.

How reading God's Word and Study affects our worship.

How to make Bible reading and study a priority.

REFLECTION:

What do you hope to learn, and how do you hope to grow as we learn together how to read, understand, and apply God's Word?

MY RECOMMENDATION: Read from a printed Bible.

WHY READ A PRINTED BIBLE?

According to recent studies, comprehension, recall, and vocabulary are more significant than when we consume digital content.*

Our brains consume information differently when reading from the pages of a Bible, you're able to see the layout of each chapter, see the passage in context, and remember how the words and verses look on the page.

* *Psychology Today*

BACK TO BASICS_About the Bible:

1- THE TABLE OF CONTENTS:

2- The CONCORDANCE:

3- STUDY BIBLES:

4- YOUVERSION BIBLE APP:

5- BLUE LETTER BIBLE APP:

Your word is a lamp
to my feet and a
light to my path.
~Psalm 119:105

WE ALL START "IN THE BEGINNING"

No matter your current level of understanding of the Bible, or your experience with reading and study, learning to appreciate the gift of God's Word is where our hearts begin to be transformed by the perfect Word.

EVALUATE: What is your current level of commitment to Bible Reading and Study?

I AM BRAND NEW TO READING THE BIBLE

I READ MY BIBLE OCCASIONALLY

I READ A DAILY DEVOTIONAL

I HAVE A BIBLE READING PLAN

“Ask and it will be given to you; **seek** and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you

Matthew 7:7



Ask the Questions

Once you have selected your scripture to read, first pray. Then ask the questions you learned in English.

WHO? WHAT? WHERE? WHEN? WHY? HOW?

Make a list of answers you learn. HINT: Don't overthink it.



Review What You've Learned

Review your list of answers. Are there any repetitive words or phrases? What is the common theme or idea?

Circle, underline or mark in any way that helps you to see the different elements you are learning from the text.

Go back and reread the text with what you have learned in mind.



What is God Teaching Me?

After you read the text one more time, how do you see/hear the text differently than you did the first time you read it? Is there something that stands out to you?

Write out what you sense God is saying to you from the passage.

NOTE: it's OK to ask God questions.

BIBLE STUDY METHOD

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HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE: A proven method for understanding the Bible.

ASK THESE QUESTIONS WHEN YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT A VERSE, PASSAGE, OR CHAPTER OF THE BIBLE

| WHO | WHAT | WHEN | WHERE | WHY | HOW |
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| <p>Who is this passage about?</p> <p>Who is speaking?</p> <p>To whom are they speaking?</p> | <p>What is the setting?</p> <p>What is happening?</p> <p>What is the problem or issue?</p> <p>What is the solution?</p> | <p>Is there a time frame mentioned?</p> <p>What happened before/after?</p> <p>Is there an IF/THEN sentence?</p> <p>Is there a future or past reference discussed?</p> | <p>Where does this passage or verse take place? Is there a location mentioned?</p> <p>Is the location important to understand the context of the subject?</p> | <p>Why is it important to know what this verse or passage is about?</p> <p>Why do the people mentioned need to know the information?</p> | <p>How did the events discussed unfold?</p> <p>How was God's will accomplished?</p> <p>How can I apply what I learned to my own life?</p> |

DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9

“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

On the page below, what does it mean to love God with all “your heart, soul, and might” ?

DEUTERONOMY 6: 1-9 NASB

1 "Now this is the commandment, the statutes, and the judgments which the Lord your God has commanded me to teach you, so that you may do them in the land where you are going over to take possession of it,

2 so that you, your son, and your grandson will fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.

3 Now Israel, you shall listen and be careful to do them, so that it may go well for you and that you may increase greatly, just as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has [a]promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

4 "Hear, Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one!

5 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

6 These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.

7 And you shall repeat them diligently to your sons and speak of them when you sit in your house, when you walk on the road when you lie down, and when you get up.

8 You shall also tie them as a sign to your hand, and they shall be as frontlets on your forehead.

9 You shall also write them on the doorposts of your house and your gates.

WHY does God value the reading and study of His Word?

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What I'm learning from this scripture study.

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JOHN 15: 1-11 NASB

1 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He]prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.

3 You are already]clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me.

5 I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned.

7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

9 Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.

11 These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full.

HOW does reading and study of the Word of God affect our worship?

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Acts 2:42

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, and to sharing in meals.

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*It takes **21 days** to build a long-term memory and it takes **63 days** to build a new habit. Moral of the story? Change takes time.*

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- 1- Consider your WHY. Why do you want to make Bible reading and study a priority?
- 2- Pray about it. Ask God to show you the way.
- 3- Gather what you need, set up a place, and set a timer or alarm to be there.
- 4- Show up.
- 5- TAKE A STEP... what is your BEST NEXT STEP?

SUGGESTIONS:

Find a designated space you will go to.
Decide on what time you will read and study the Bible.

Pick a daily devotional to read.

Use Bible study tools to learn more about the text you are reading.

HINT: Not every day is a study day.

Some days are a verse a day that you think about as you go about your daily activities. Other times, plan to spend more time reading, reflecting, and praying over what you are reading and learning.

HOW MUCH TIME TO SPEND? This depends on your schedule and your desires. The key is to RELAX, and don't feel pressure to be like anyone other than who you are before God.

You will seek me and find me
when you seek me with all your
heart.
~Jeremiah 29:13

WHAT steps will you take to prioritize the reading and study of God's Word?

WHAT I AM READING:

BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSE/TRANSLATION

WHO

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