

How To Study The Bible

I. THE PURPOSES OF THIS STUDY...

A. To help each of us have a _____ knowledge of the Word of God.

- 2 Tim 4:2
- 1 Peter 3:15

B. To give us _____ and _____ in our study of the Bible.

- Most Christians know they NEED to read or spend time in the Bible, they just don't know _____!
- How do you study the Bible?
- Google? Commentaries? The most popular Christian authors?

C. To establish the absolute _____ of the Bible in all matters of faith and practice.

- Our strength to live for the Lord and to serve Him comes directly from our knowledge and understanding of God and His Word.

II. SOME FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES...

A. The Bible is _____ difficult to understand.

- The Bible is an _____ book; not a closed book
- We make it difficult by not _____ every word we read.
- God desires every child to _____ Him intimately through His Word

1. We Must _____ The Word Of God: Ps 119:97-104

2. We Must _____ The Word Of God: Ps 138:1-2

3. We Are _____ For _____ God's Word: 2 Tim 2:15

4. We Must Have A Right _____ Towards All Of God's Word.

- Attitude determines APTITUDE!
- Rom 15:4
- 1 Cor 10:1, 6, 11
- 2 Tim 3:16-17
- 1 These. 2:13

B. Anyone can get a working knowledge of the Bible if they _____ it.

- There is no special secret or magic formula.
- An education may be helpful, but it is not necessary.
- You don't have to know Greek and Hebrew to read and understand God's Word. You have it preserved for you in your language! KJV 1611.
- God hates this false idea perpetuated by many preachers that only a

select few can know His Word.

- Rev 2:6, 15
 - o "Nico" = conqueror
 - o "Laitas" = laymen
1. _____ before you begin.
 2. _____ what you read just as you find it.
 3. _____ must _____.
 - 2 Tim. 2:15
 - Ecc. 12:12
 - A Strong's Concordance, a dictionary, pen, paper, and a quiet place to think and pray is all you really need.
 4. No one will ever know and understand _____ of the Bible.

C. The Holy Spirit is our _____ and _____ as we study.

- God can and will use other instruments (preachers, tapes, books, etc.), but all truth is imparted by the Holy Spirit.
- How much you learn depends solely on your responsiveness to Him.
- Lost man can understand the grammar, the history and even see basic lessons of character and moral issues in the Bible, but will not be able to understand the depth and eternal reality of God's truth, 1 Cor. 2:14

1. There are _____ in the Bible.
 - Deut 29:29
2. In the NT these secrets are called _____.
 - Matt 13:10-17
 - 1 Cor 15:51
 - Eph 3:1-3; 5:32
 - Col 1:25-29; 2:1-3
 - Proverbs 25:2
 - Ecclesiastes 1:13
3. You can have a relationship with God and still be spiritually _____!
 - Eli - 1 Sam. 3:2
 - Elisha's servant – 2 Kings 6:17
 - The two disciples on the road to Emmaus – Luke 24:13-35
 - The Laodicean church – Rev 3:17
 - Rom 11:7-10, 25
 - Eph 1:7-9, 15-18
4. Only by the _____ _____ can anyone learn and know God's Word.
 - John 14:26

- John 16:12-15
- John 17:17
- 1 Cor 2:7-16

D. **Effective Bible study depends upon a correct _____ attitude.**

1. We need a _____ heart.

- **1 Cor. 2:9-14**

2. We need a _____ heart.

- **Ps 119:97**
- **Ez 14:1-6**
- **Rom 8:5-8**
- **Rom. 12:1-2**
- **1 Cor 2:14**

3. We need a _____ heart.

a. Do we believe God can _____ with us perfectly and clearly?

b. Do we believe God has preserved His perfect Word without _____?

c. Are we willing to _____ exactly what God's Word says?