

How to Study the Bible

I. Why Study the Bible

1. The Bible commands it: _____ to show thyself approved unto God...
_____ dividing the word of truth. (2 Tim 2:15) KJV
2. The purpose of the Bible is to _____ God, to show how we should relate to God and to declare what He _____ expects of us
3. The Bible is an amazing book. It is a collection of _____ books bound together. It was written in _____, Aramaic, and Greek. The OT is written in Hebrew and Aramaic while the NT is written in _____. It was written over a period of _____ years by 40 different authors. It has been translated into over _____ languages and dialects
4. The Bible promises blessed, _____, healthy, and prosperous spiritual life top those who regularly study and meditate upon it. (Psalm 1:1-3)
5. The Bible is the primary means by which God reveals His _____ and it is the means by which He _____ us into the image of Christ. (Rom 12:2)
6. Finally the Bible is one of our primary offensive weapons. We are to put on the full armor of God taking up the _____ of the Spirit which is the word of God Ephesians 6:17; also called a ___-___ sword Heb 4:12

II. How **NOT** Study the Bible

1. Don't study it with _____ or presupposition-write down
2. Don't study it _____ and don't cherry pick-be humble
3. Don't study the Bible _____ or allegorically-be clear
4. Don't study the Bible out of _____-stay put

III. How you **should** study the Bible

1. With a proper _____
 - i. Trust the word
 - ii. Revere the Word
 - iii. Cling to the Word
 - iv. Submit to the Word
2. With a proper _____
 - i. Keep the _____ of the book in mind
 - ii. Keep the Style in mind
 1. Is it _____ or figurative
 2. Is it always true or is it a proverb, a general truth
 3. Keep who is _____ in mind
 4. Is it prescriptive (command) or _____
 - iii. Stay within the _____ - e.g. Ezekiel 4:9 bread
 - iv. Steps:
 1. Study original meaning and historical _____
 2. Extract the timeless _____
 3. Then apply to the modern context, here and now
 - v. The simplest interpretation is usually the best
 - vi. If in question:
 1. use scripture to interpret scripture
 2. Use multiple _____ or a Bible dictionary
 3. _____ with the rest of scripture
 4. Avoid novelty – 2000 years solid
 5. Don't conform to culture