

How To Study the Bible



Why Should I Study The Bible?

What Will it Do for Me?

- The Bible is a **SWORD** (Heb. 4:12)
- The Bible is a **TACTICAL WEAPON** (Isaiah 55:11)
- The Bible is a **SEED** (Mark 4:1-9)
- The Bible is a **MIRROR** (James 1:21-25)
- The Bible is a **ROCK** (Matthew 7:24-27)
- The Bible is **LIVING WATER** (John 4:9-14)
- The Bible is **FOOD** (I Peter 2:2&3; Hebrews 5:14)
- The Bible is our **SHIELD** (Psalms 119:114)
- The Bible is our **BREAD** (John 6:35)
- The Bible is the way to **ETERNAL LIFE** (Revelation 22:17)



A Basic Approach To Study

- *Read*
- *Study*
- *Memorize*
- *Meditate*



Areas of Study in the Bible

- Single verses or groups of verses
- Chapters-such as Hebrews 11 or Isaiah 53
- A single book of the Bible such as Philippians
- Topics such as: faith, grace, hope, love
- Prophecies: major time prophecies as in Daniel and Revelation. Also Messianic prophecies
- Doctrines: Sabbath, state of the dead, eternal life
- Bible promises
- Character Studies (such as Daniel, Paul, Moses, Esther)
- The Miracles of Christ
- Health Principles
- The Sabbath School Lesson

Getting Started

- **Divide your time between study and prayer**
- **Choose a type of Bible, and a translation that is right for you**
- **Select tools such as commentaries, handbooks and concordances (among others) to help in your study**
- **Decide on a study plan, or various plans**
- **Set aside a daily time and place for study**
- **Plan to be able to teach what you have learned**
- **Take advantage of opportunities for group study**
- **Be prepared to take notes and outline things**

How To Look At A Passage in The Bible...

*(This may be verses, several verses, a chapter, a book or a
certain topic)*



Proverbs 3:5-6 (King James Version)

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

- **What does this passage say?**
- **What does this passage mean?**
- **What is God telling me?**
- **How am I encouraged and strengthened?**
- **Is there sin in my life for which confession and repentance is needed?**
- **How can I be changed, so I can learn and grow?**
- **What is in the way of these precepts affecting me? What is in the way of my listening to God?**
- **How does this apply to me? What will I do about it?**
- **What can I model and teach?**
- **What does God want me to share with someone?**

Look at related texts...

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with all thine heart;
and lean not unto thine
own understanding.*

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paths.”*

Proverbs 3: 5&6

- 1) Isaiah 26:4
- 2) Psalms 37:3 and 5
- 3) Psalms 118:8
- 4) Jeremiah 29:13
- 5) Proverbs 28:26
- 6) I Corinthians 10:12
- 7) Psalms 26:7
- 8) I Peter 3:15
- 9) Psalms 48:14
- 10) Psalms 73:24

Look at Different Translations

**With all your heart
you must trust the LORD
and not your own judgment.**

**Always let him lead you,
and he will clear the road
for you to follow. (Contemporary English Version)**

Trust God from the bottom of your heart;

don't try to figure out everything on your own.

Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go;

he's the one who will keep you on track.

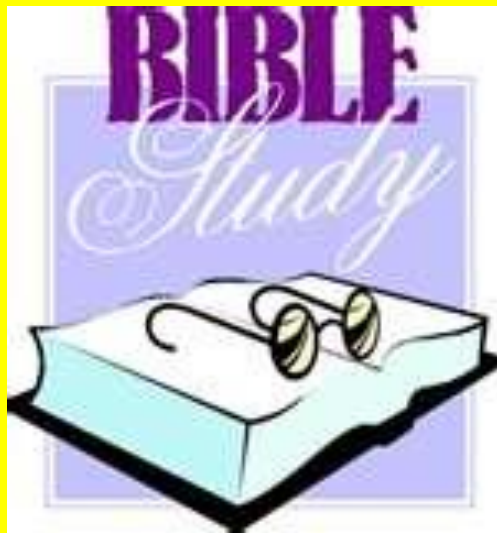
Don't assume that you know it all. (New Living Translation)

**Lean on, trust in, and be confident in
the Lord with all your heart and
mind and do not rely on your own
insight or understanding.**

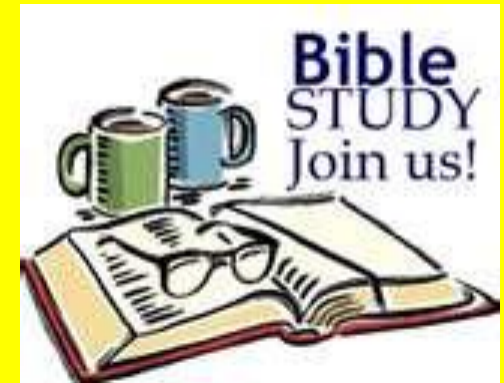
**In all your ways know, recognize,
and acknowledge Him, and He will
direct and make straight and plain
your paths (Amplified Bible)**



Some Final Thoughts...



*Study the
Word, and
share it!*



Studying The Bible will give you:

Courage for the crisis (Joshua 1:6&9 Psalms 27:3)

Peace in the midst of a storm (John 14:27)

Energy when you are tired (Isaiah 40:28-31)

Comfort when you are mourning (Isaiah 61:3)

Encouragement even in your final illness (Psalms 23)

A blessed hope (Titus 2:11-13 I Thessalonians 4:13-18 I Corinthians 15: 51-57)

A plan for your life (Proverbs 3:5&6)

A more abundant life (John 10:10)

Eternal life (Revelation 21 & 22)