

How to Study the Bible

GOAL: The idea is to go deeper and wider in understanding who God is, what His purpose is for your life, and to grow to love God's Word more.

HOW: There are numerous tools in which to study the Bible. This is an inductive type of study, (the Word interprets the Word,) which includes a few steps and tools to help you get more out of your study time.

NEED

- Bible (Word-for-Word translation like NASB, ESV, NKJV, KJV,) or...
- Copy the Scripture portion from Biblegateway.com and paste into a document.
TIP: Before printing, space the verse out and give wide margins for note taking.
- Smart phone or computer, printer, and/or Strong's Concordance
- Something to write in: a three-ring binder, folder with paper, or a journal
- Colored pencils or colored pens (Ex: Micron Pigma 05)

OTHER RESOURCES

- www.biblegateway.com
- www.biblehub.com
- www.studylight.org
- Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words

GET STARTED

- Practice each step and tool using Titus 2:1-8 (Scripture included on page 3).
- Try to make a goal to study one chapter a week. Do one or two steps or tools each day.
- Refer to commentaries only after you are done studying on your own.

Bible Study Steps & Tools

STEP 1: Pray

STEP 2: Observe

What does the passage say?

- Read the chapter or Scripture portion. Write down anything that stands out to you.
- ✂ Mark Key Words: This will help you catch all the details (page 4). As you re-read the chapter mark:
 - References to God, Jesus, Holy Spirit
 - Key words. These are meaningful words that may repeat and express a theme or topic.
- ✂ Five “W”s and an “H”: Mark Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How using a different color for each. You can also write out the main answers to each question as an overview (page 5).
- ✂ Make Lists: List every fact given about a key word or person with the Scripture reference for future use (page 6). Use only words from the text.
- ✂ Word Studies: Go deeper with key words and other important words by looking up their meaning in the original Hebrew, Greek, or Aramaic (page 7). Use a Strong’s Concordance book or access Strong’s at www.blueletterbible.org:
 - Type in the Scripture and translation
 - Press the “Tool” button
 - Select the “Interlinear” tab
 - Select “Strong’s” number reference

STEP 3: Interpret

What does the passage mean?

- ✂ Cross Reference: Use a cross-reference Bible, or BlueLetterBible.org “Tools”, to look at similar Scriptures to help understand the context and meaning. Write down what you find (page 8).

STEP 4: Apply

What does the passage mean to you personally?

- Write down your thoughts. What did you learn? What should you change in your life? Mark your personal application thoughts with “PA” in your Bible (page 9).

Titus 2:1-8 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine. ²Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance. ³Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, ⁴so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored. ⁶Likewise urge the young men to be sensible; ⁷in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, ⁸sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us.

Color Marking Ideas

Key Words

(Circle in Pink)

Some key words for the book of Titus

Speak

Sound

Doctrine

Sensible

Word/the Truth

Color Marking 5W's & H

WHO: Red

WHAT: Orange

WHERE: Green Underline

WHEN: Green

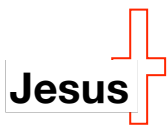
WHY: Blue

HOW: Black Underline

References to...



Purple triangle



Red Cross



Blue Cloud

Word Study Words

Highlight in yellow

OBSERVE: 5 W's & an H

After you have marked the Scripture with the colored marking tools, fill in the answers to the 5 "W's" and an "H" below. Look for the answers to "Where" and "When" at the beginning of the book or, if you have a study Bible they should be found in the introduction to the book.

WHERE:

WHEN:

WHO:

WHAT:

HOW:

WHY:

OBSERVE: Make Lists

List every fact given about a key word or person with the Scripture reference for future use.
Use only words from the text.

TITUS

OLDER MEN

YOUNG MEN

OLDER WOMEN

YOUNG WOMEN

OBSERVE: **Word Study**

Go deeper with key words and other important words by looking up their meaning in their original language using a Strong's Concordance book or access Strong's at www.blueletterbible.org (See notes on page 2 for help). You can also reference other Bible translations like NKJV, ESV, NLT, for word meaning.

VERSE 1

VERSE 2

VERSE 3

VERSE 4

VERSE 5

VERSE 6

VERSE 7

VERSE 8

INTERPRET: Meaning

Use a cross-references Bible, or one of the online resources, to look at similar Scriptures to help understand the context and meaning. Write down what you find.

MEN

CROSS REFERENCES:

MEANING:

WOMEN

CROSS REFERENCES:

MEANING:

APPLY: **Personal Application**

What does the passage mean to you personally? Write down your thoughts. What did you learn? What should you change in your life? Mark your personal application thoughts with “PA” in your Bible.