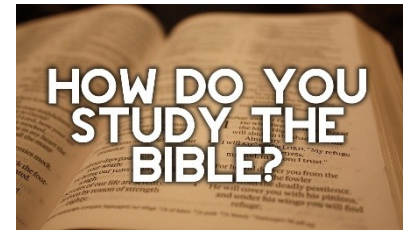


# How to Study the Bible

## 2 Timothy 2:15

### Lesson 1: Bible Study Preparation



- \* God does not tell us that we must simply read the Bible, but that we must \_\_\_\_\_ it and \_\_\_\_\_ it correctly (2 Tim. 2:15).
- \* Studying the Scriptures is \_\_\_\_\_ work. A brief scanning of Scripture can sometimes yield very wrong conclusions. Therefore, it is crucial to understand several \_\_\_\_\_ for determining the correct meaning of Scripture.
- \* First, the one who would study the Bible must \_\_\_\_\_ and ask the Holy Spirit to impart understanding (John 16:13).
- \* Second, to study the Bible properly, we must learn it in \_\_\_\_\_. We cannot pull a verse out of the verses that surround it and try to determine the meaning of the verse outside of the context.
- \* We should understand the \_\_\_\_\_ of the book we are studying it's helpful to know \_\_\_\_\_ wrote the book, to \_\_\_\_\_ it was written, \_\_\_\_\_ it was written, and \_\_\_\_\_ it was written.
- \* Third, to study the Bible properly, we should learn from the godly work of \_\_\_\_\_ (Rom. 15:4).
- \* When learning from other resources learn who the good \_\_\_\_\_ and good \_\_\_\_\_ are, for anybody can write a Christian book, but is it conservative, literal, biblical, and accurate theology? (show examples in office)
- \* As we have learned in SS, the Holy Spirit has given the church people who have the \_\_\_\_\_ of knowledge, wisdom, and teaching (Eph. 4:11–12; 1 Cor. 12:28).
- \* So, in summary, the proper way to study the Bible is to \_\_\_\_\_ rely on the Holy Spirit to give us understanding; study verses in their \_\_\_\_\_, recognizing that the Bible explains itself; and learn from the \_\_\_\_\_ of other godly, biblical Christians, past and present.
- \* Remember, God is the author of the Bible, and He wants us to understand it and it was written in a way for us to do so.

**Next Lesson: Bible Study Methods Part 1**