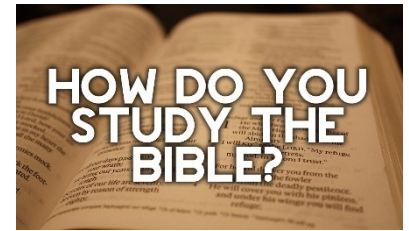


How to Study the Bible

2 Timothy 2:15

Lesson 2: Bible Study Methods - Part 1



- * _____ Bible study is an approach to God’s Word focusing on three basic steps that move from a focus on specific details to a more general, universal principle. The steps are:
 - * _____ (what does it say?)
 - * _____ (what does it mean?)
 - * _____ (what does it mean for my life?)
- * Inductive Bible study can be done on many different levels. The shorter version is good for a brief _____. The more extensive study is wonderful for digging deeper into the _____ and _____ of God.
- * A sample verse to illustrate the method is (Prov. 24:30-34):
 - * The first step of observing (what does it say?) the verse is generally confined to a simple understanding of what the verse is saying.
 - * The second step—interpretation (what does it mean?)—requires a more in-depth examination than the first step. At this step, we want to be careful to find the meaning of the verse in its context.
 - * The third step in inductive Bible study is the practical application of the principles (what does it mean to me?). How can we use what we have learned from the passage in the future? A crucial part of any Bible study is asking God to implement the principles into our lives and praying for His wisdom as we go forward with this knowledge.
- * It is important to note that, while inductive Bible study or any other method is helpful to Christians as we delve into God’s Word, ultimately it is the Spirit of God who opens the _____ to us because He has first opened our hearts to Truth.
- * It is the Spirit who _____ spiritual truth to those who are spiritual. The natural man does not and cannot understand spiritual truth (1 Cor. 2:12-14).
- * So before attempting any Bible study method, we must be sure we have the Holy Spirit living in our hearts (1 Cor. 6:19) through faith in Christ as Lord and Savior.

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