## **How to Study the Bible**

## **2 Timothy 2:15**

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## **Lesson 5: Bible Study Resources**

	Bible
*	A study Bible is simply a Bible with explanatory notes printed along with the text of Scripture.
*	The Bible was one of the first English Bibles to have extensive notes.
*	Perhaps one of the most influential study Bibles of more recent times is the Reference Bible, first published in 1909 by Oxford University Press.
*	In more recent years, the number of study Bibles has ballooned.
*	The Study Bible addresses issues that skeptics may raise.
*	The Study Bible provides archeological information that will help the reader understand the ancient text.
*	Charles Study Bible
*	The John Study Bible is filled with expository notes and commentary.
*	Study Bible which I believe have the best study notes of them all.
*	Christian Study Bible
Bibl	le
*	A Bible commentary is a series of explaining the meaning of passages of Scripture. A commentary may explain the language used in a section of text. Or it may discuss the historical background. Almost all commentaries attempt to explain the passage in terms of some system of theology.
*	In other words, the commentary is an of how the Bible fits together and what it means.
*	The of a Bible commentary is that one can quickly gain perspective on the text's meaning, as understood by the commentary's author. One
	concerning Bible commentaries is that they should not be used instead of personal study; rather, they are designed for use in addition to personal study.
*	Recommendations would be the John NT Commentary Set

- \* The \_\_\_\_\_\_ Bible Exposition Commentary Set by Warren Wiersbe
  \* Check out www.BibleRef.com. The emphasis of BibleRef is context: the importance of understanding each verse of the Bible in terms of its overall setting, related verses, history, and so forth.
- \* Bible \_\_\_\_\_
  - \* A Bible handbook is a \_\_\_\_\_\_ book that provides information on all aspects of the Bible.
  - \* Bible handbooks provide \_\_\_\_\_\_ for a variety of biblical questions with short commentaries, maps, photos, outlines, historical and archeological backgrounds, lists of kings and judges, genealogies, and more. Bible handbooks also provide a brief summary of each book of the Bible.
  - \* Here are some common reasons a person would use a Bible handbook:
    - \* To learn the cultural and historical background information about a book of the Bible
    - \* To discover how a certain passage fits into the whole book and why it is included
    - \* To learn the key words, themes, and verses in a book
    - \* To learn more about the Bible's history: its compilation, printing, and preservation
    - \* To better understand the particular doctrines taught in each book and how they correspond to the overall message of the Bible
    - \* To research the geography and archaeology associated with the Bible.
  - \* One of the most well-known and trusted Bible handbooks is by Dr. Henry H. Halley (1874-1965), the Halley's Bible Handbook.
  - \* Other Bible handbooks include:
    - \* The MacArthur Bible Handbook by John MacArthur
    - \* The New Unger's Bible Handbook by Merrill F. Unger
    - \* With the Word, a chapter-by-chapter handbook by Warren W. Wiersbe
    - \* The Zondervan Bible Handbook
    - \* The Holman Bible Handbook

\* A good Bible handbook can help us understand the Bible and better apply Scripture's doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness to our lives (2 Tim. 3:16–17).

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- \* A Bible dictionary is a useful \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ tool in studying the Bible. It contains definitions of key words found in Scripture. Bible dictionaries list all the major words in the Bible, such as people's names, places, concepts, animals, and plants. Bible dictionaries are usually based on specific translations.
- \* More popular Bible dictionaries are:
  - \* Easton's Bible Dictionary
  - \* Smith's Bible Dictionary
  - \* Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary
  - \* The Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary
  - \* The Lexham Bible Dictionary
- \* Arranged alphabetically, Bible dictionaries provide easy accessibility to names and locations in the Bible. For instance, if someone is reading about Paul's missionary endeavors in Philippi (Acts 16:12) and wants to learn more about the city, he can flip to P in a Bible dictionary to find summarized information under the entry for Philippi.