

How to Study the Bible

God chose to use over 40 people to write the books of the Bible. No one just sat down and wrote a book for the Bible by them self. The authors wrote each part of the Bible by what God told them.

God told a family of Israel called Scribes to copy the Bible Scriptures. They copied the words again, and again. The Jewish scribes counted not only the words, but every letter, and counted how many times each letter was on the page, and even the number of times a letter shows up in the whole Bible. They even made sure the commas and periods were in the right place. Each new copy had to be written with a special kind of ink, on special sheets made from the skin of a 'clean' animal. The new copy was looked at right beside the old ones. If only one incorrect letter was found the whole copy was trashed.

The first Bible is less than 1 % different than modern Holy Bible versions.

Reasons why we believe the Bible is the true word of God

It talks about the future Isaiah 53 talks about Jesus 700 years before He was born.

Archaeology proves it

The Bible contains real people and real places that they have found old pottery, old things, and graves in the ground that prove the people and places were there long ago.

History proves it

The Dead Sea Scrolls written 2,000 years ago prove the Bible's words were kept correct.

These scrolls are two copies of the book of Isaiah. They were proved to be nearly "word for word" the same as our Hebrew Bible.

Other books from that time prove it

Noah's flood in **Genesis 6-9** was talked about on tablets written by Babylonians in 650 B.C., as well as in 250 year old world history books.

The Reason why we have the Bible

2 timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Circle where Scripture came from.

Put a square around how many works we will be ready to do

Underline the four ways that the bible is useful to us :

1. **Teaching** us the truth so we can learn **what** is right.
2. **Rebuking** means what it tells us we are **not** doing right.
3. **Correcting** is how to change to **get** right.
4. **Training** how to **stay** right.

Scripture = the words of the Bible

Thoroughly = means totally

Equipped = being ready

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Listen to God when you read the bible.

Romans 10:17

Faith comes from **hearing** the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.



Pray Ask God what he wants you to learn from the Bible.



Read your Bible daily like you would any other book, at least one chapter each time. When you find something special **underline** it (or highlight), **write** in your Journal.

Ask questions as you read:

1. Who is talking?
2. Who is he (or she) talking to?
3. What are they talking about?



Study the Bible. Every great man and woman of God studied it at a regular time.

2 Timothy 2:15

Study to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. (Awana Club verse)



Memorize on it so you can do what it says.

Psalms 119:11

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Underline what we should **do** with God's Word.

Memorization is easy if you do these steps:

Read the verse 3 times

Write the verse 3 times

Read back the verse from memory 3 times

Review it every every day repeating it to remember it

Hidden = to hide or treasure

Heart = your mind and soul

Memorize the "address" (or *reference*) of the Scripture.

In Matthew 4:3-11 Jesus defeated Satan's temptation by using Scripture he memorized.

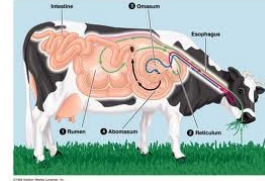
After 24 hours you remember: 5% of what you hear,
15% of what you read,
35% of what you Study,
57% of what you see and hear,
But you can remember 100% of what you memorize.

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Meditate Think about what God tells you when you read, think on it over and over again.

Meditating on words is thinking about them in different ways. Like what a cow does when it chews its cud. It eats some grass and sends it to its first stomach; then it lies down, brings the grass up, chews on it, and swallows it again.



Try to see yourself at the place of the story in your mind. How you would feel if you were there, What would you say? What would you do?

Joshua 1:8

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; **meditate** on it day and night, so that you may be careful to **do** everything written in it. Then you will be successful.



Do what the Bible says to do

James 1:22

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. **Do** what it says.

Underline what we should *do* with the Word.

5 things to look for **To Do** when reading God's Word:

Sins (bad things we do) we should Confess (agree with God they were wrong)

Promises from God

Actions to start doing

Commands from God we are told to do.

Examples of how we should do something.

SOAP Bible Study Plan

Scripture Pray first, then read it slowly. Write down in your journal verses God shows you.

Observe Write it in your own words what God is showing you about the verses meaning.

Apply Meditate on what the verses mean to you, and how to do what they say.

Pray for God to help you listen and understand His Word and know how to do what it says.

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Remember

When we read the Bible we should:

Listen to God

Pray about what He wants us to learn

Underline or write in a journal things God points out

Make a time to read the bible every Day

Memorize a verse

Meditate or think about the verse

Do what God says to do from the verse



How are you doing?

Have you read your Bible all the way through yet? **Yes, No.**

Are you studying the Bible in a quiet time every day? **Yes, No.**



Things to do for next time

Study these Bible verses:

Bible Reference - Scripture	Observe – what it means	Apply – how to do it	Pray