



STUDYING THE BIBLE

THE PURPOSE:



The purpose of this teaching is to give insight, instruction and encouragement as it relates to the study of the Bible.

**WE READ TO LEARN
WE STUDY TO GROW
WE MEDITATE TO LIVE**

- I. Studying the Bible is a critical step in the life of a believer in order to establish other effective and spiritually healthy habits
 - A. Habit-By definition, a habit is defined as a settled or regular tendency or practice, especially one that is hard to give up.
 - B. Habits related to God's word are as follows:
 - 1. Time with God's word (reading)
 - a) To read is to receive or take in, especially by sight or touch. To read is also to learn from what one has seen or found in writing or printing.
 - b) In order to read and spend time with God's word, we firstly have to open up. It is difficult to receive or read God's word when all your points of entry are closed!
 - (1) Ephesians 3:4-Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)
 - 2. Studying of God's word
 - a) Study is defined as the application of the mental faculties to the acquisition of knowledge. Also, to endeavor and to try.
 - (1) 2 Timothy 2:15-Study (do your best) to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman (a laborer) that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing (handling) the word of truth.
 - (a) This work, which is the first part of the word, workman, is activity in which one exerts strength or faculties to perform or do something. In 2 Timothy, the purpose of the book is to give final instructions and encouragement to Timothy. This verse in 2 Timothy 2, verse 15 is Paul providing Timothy, who was the pastor at the church at Ephesus with a foundational truth to sustain him throughout his ministry, which is studying!

- II. What does the Bible do in the life of a believer
 - A. The Bible does the following 3 things in the life of a believer:
 - 1. Brings you down (humbles you)
 - 2. Increases your desire to please God
 - 3. Brings about transformation/renewing

- III. What to look for when studying the Bible
 - A. Who (who is speaking)
 - B. What (what is the scripture referring to/talking about)
 - C. When (at what point in history is the text written)
 - D. Where (the location of the text-region of the world/modern day time location)
 - E. Why (the purpose of the book you are studying)
 - F. How (how does this apply in the overall context (circumstances that form the setting for an event, statement, or idea, and in terms of which it can be fully understood and assessed))

IV. Components of studying scripture

- A. Knowing the purpose of each book
- B. Knowing the author of each book (if known)
- C. Knowing the setting of each book
- D. Knowing the blueprint of each book (knowing what main topic is covered within each part of a respective book of the Bible)
- E. Knowing the mega themes of each book of the bible (each book has its own respective, specific themes in what is being covered)

V. Specific tools for studying the Bible

- A. The following are good tools to utilize when studying the bible
 - 1. A good study bible (Life Application Study Bible, Dates Study Bible, Apologetics Study Bible)
 - a) Multiple, **biblically true versions of the bible**. There are some versions of the bible which leave out certain parts of scriptures and versions which do not cover things altogether. Be careful when looking at different versions of the Bible for convenience sake and for easy reading.
 - 2. A good exhaustive concordance-This list every reference where biblical words are found.
 - 3. Bible Dictionary and Encyclopedias-These are among the first tools one needs to study the Bible effectively.
 - 4. Commentary-These examine scriptures and look at how scriptures fit together.

VI. Specific Resources

A. Study Bibles

1. Life Application Study Bible
(https://www.christianbook.com/page/bibles/study-bibles/life-application-study-bible?kw=life%20application%20study%20bible&mt=e&dv=c&event=PPCSRC&p=1020037&msclkid=89b5ec1f43f718a01e238eee0a48922&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Bibles&utm_term=lif%20application%20study%20bible&utm_content=life%20application)
2. Dake Study Bible- (<http://dakestudybible.com/>)
3. Apologetics Study Bible
(https://www.christianbook.com/kjv-apologetics-study-bible-hardcover/9781535934732/pd/934732?en=bing-pla&event=SHOP&kw=bibles-20-40%7C934732&p=1179517&dv=c&msclkid=352718ac4f901d838b037a5dab90488e&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Shopping%20Bibles&utm_term=4580565453489328&utm_content=s-all%20bibles)

B. Concordance

1. Strong's Expanded Concordance of the
[https://www.amazon.com/Strong's-Expanded-Exhaustive-Concordance-Supersaver/dp/1418542377](https://www.amazon.com/Strong-s-Expanded-Exhaustive-Concordance-Supersaver/dp/1418542377)

C. Bible Dictionary

1. Strong's Dictionary of Bible
https://www.amazon.com/Strong-s-Complete-Dictionary-Bible-Words/dp/0785211470/ref=asc_df_0785211470?tag=bingshoppinga-20&linkCode=df0&hvadid=80333123589166&hvnetw=o&hvqmt=e&hvbmtn=be&hvdev=c&hvlocint=&hvlocphy=&hvtargid=pla-4583932699720178&psc=1

D. Bible Commentary

1. Matthew Henry's Commentary of the Whole
https://www.christianbook.com/matthew-henrys-commentary-whole-bible-volumes/9781598564358/pd/564365?en=bing-pla&event=SHOP&kw=academic-60-80%7C564365&p=1179517&dv=c&msclkid=cab5a80225b11f246a4acaf3c2d7c57f&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Shopping%20Main&utm_term=4580290564250974&utm_content=s-academic

VII. Books and Online Resources

A. Book-**How to Study the Bible by Robert M. West**

https://www.christianbook.com/matthew-henrys-commentary-whole-bible-volumes/9781598564358/pd/564365?en=bing-pla&event=SHOP&kw=academic-60-80%7C564365&p=1179517&dv=c&msclkid=cab5a80225b11f246a4acaf3c2d7c57f&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Shopping%20Main&utm_term=4580290564250974&utm_content=s-academic

B. Book-**Know Your Bible by Barbour**

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C. Book-**Per-Versions of the Bible by Ray Pringle, Sr.**

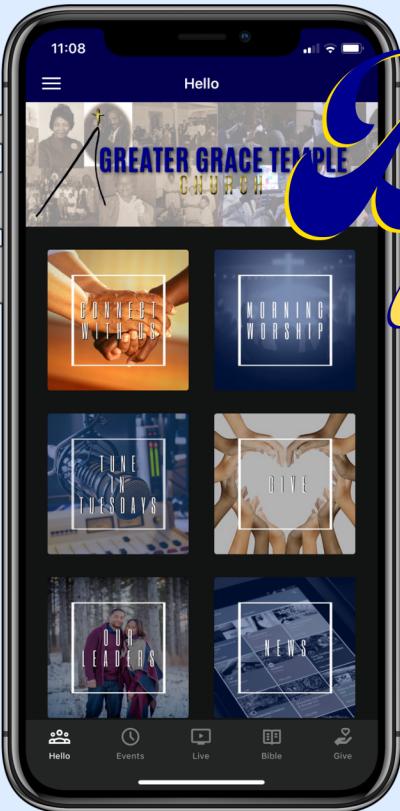
<https://www.wordofprophecy.org/>

D. Online Resource-<https://bible.com>

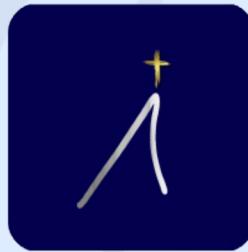
E. Online Resource-<https://gotquestions.org>

F. Online Resource-<https://www.logos.com/>

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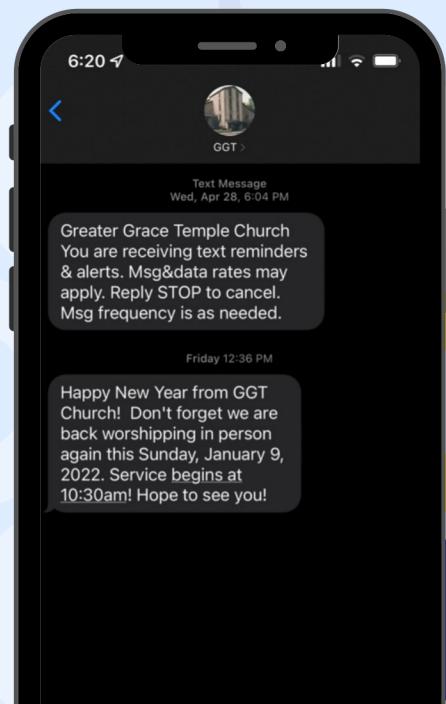


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