

**Born Again**

I Cor 2:13-14

**APPRECIATE the importance of Bible Study**

- Grow in His service I Pt 2:2
- Learn God's will and ways Psalms 119:11
- Avoid error and false teaching Hos 4:6 Gal 1:8,9 Acts 17:11

Bereans

- So you can teach others  
If only your children Dt 6:6-9
- Show love toward God John 14:15  
This is God's love-letter to us. Boy/girl separated. He write her and she no open letter but pile them up. Does she love? No. We want to hear from those we love. Neglecting Bible study says to God we don't love Him.

**ATTITUDE toward Bible study**

- Prayerful
- The Bible is Truth and God's Word  
1Thes 2:13 *For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.*

Willingness to work hard

2:12 *Much study is a weariness of the flesh*

- Desire to learn  
Matt 5:6 *Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.*

• Childlike mind

Matt 11:25 *"... thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes."*

- Understand you will never master the Bible, but God will not withhold needed knowledge from you. God never gave man a book man could not understand.

**Approach to Bible Study**

- Individual Book study

Most difficult, but most rewarding.

Choose a short book to start, like I Peter.

First, gain general understanding of book by reading it through more than once

Then, know: Who wrote this book? To whom did he write? Where did he write it? When did he write it? What was the purpose in writing? What were his circumstances when wrote? What were circumstances of those to whom he wrote? Is the book about one or two characters?

Then, study verses and how they fit into the overall book. To understand verses, understand words. You need Strong's (best), Young's (second) or Cruden's

• Passage study

Psalms 23. Who? When? What is subject, purpose? Verse by verse, word by word

• Topical study

Choose a topic. Example: blood, man, angels

Search passages where topic found:

Find passages by concordances (back of Bible), Bible center references, or Nave's Topical Bible.

Write down what you have found, discovered

• Biographical study

Is a form of topical, but about a person. Example: Joseph

Examine all the places where person is found. How did God use them?

What circumstances did they face in life that you can learn from? How did God communicate with them?

Use Back of Bible name index, or

• Geographical Study

This is another special form of topical study.

Example: Jordan River

• Type Study

Example: Passover, Tabernacle

• Classes or groups of People

Example: Hebrew, backsliders, infidels, skeptics, the persecuted, kids

1 Cor 2:13-14 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Gal 1:8-9 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Acts 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Amos 8:11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: