

Bible Study Tips

Observation-Interpretation-Application

([Which Bible is best for me?](#))

Step One: Prepare your heart. Pray (see other side), Prepare for your study time with tools

- Pen, highlighters, notebook,
- Commentary,
- Bible dictionary.

Step Two: Read a designated passage. Follow a plan. Stick to your plan.

- Pray for clarification.
- Look up any words that need further study
- Consult your resources

Step Three: Classify your passage. (Historical, poetry, gospel, theological, epistle) Choose a study method for your passage.

- Devotional, Chapter, Character study, Theme, Biographical, Word Study, Topical, Verse by Verse
- Chase cross references. The Bible answers and clarifies itself.
- Look for repeated words or phrases (how many times?)
- Take note of “Power” words.
- Who wrote it? What were the times like? When was it written? Where was it written from and where was it written to? Why was it written? How can we apply it to our lives?

Step Four: Consult your resources

- Commentary
- Bible Dictionary
- Online Resources: <http://www.esvbible.org/> <http://biblehub.com/>
<http://www.communitychurchva.info/resources2.htm> <http://www.JesusSaves.TV>

1 John 2:15-17

¹⁵ Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷ The world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.

“World” _____ “Love of” _____ “Lust” _____ “Father/God” _____

“Faith that KNOWS, SHOWS & GROWS” 2 Peter 1:2-11

² Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; ³ seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. ⁴ For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. ⁵ Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in *your* moral excellence, knowledge, ⁶ and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness, ⁷ and in *your* godliness, brotherly kindness, and in *your* brotherly kindness, love. ⁸ For if these *qualities* are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For he who lacks these *qualities* is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten *his* purification from his former sins. ¹⁰ Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; ¹¹ for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

