

Handle the Bible Correctly

Diligent - Expectant - Eager - Persistent
2 Timothy 2:15 - Romans 15:4 - Acts 17:11 - Acts 17:11

Different styles:

- ◇ Memorize – this is the most difficult and the most rewarding.
- ◇ Word Study – dig into the sentence one word at a time.
- ◇ Number games – i.e. look up all the 3:16's in the NT.
- ◇ Meditate – mull, patiently consider, turn it over and over in thought
- ◇ Paraphrase – write the text in your own words (use a pencil w/ an eraser because after further study and growth you may find your original understanding to be lacking.)
- ◇ Write– put into words the observations and understanding that you gain.
- ◇ Do it now.

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Put the “W” Investigators to Work!
(We are “reading someone else's mail.”)

Who wrote this?

To **Whom** was it written?

When was it written / read?

Where² was the writer? **Where** was the reader?

What was happening in their world at that time?

Why was this letter written?

How² did it impact the original readers?

How does it apply to my life?

The tools needed:

They more are available today than ever

At least two translations

A Concordance

A dictionary (specialized Bible dictionary is preferred)

Pen & Paper (computer...take notes!)

Write in the margins of your Bible...make it useful

Internet access:

www.studylight.org

www.thecra.org/links.htm

www.biblestudytools.net

www.e-sword.net/

www.crosswalk.com

QuickBible www.lockman.org

Christian Apologetics and Research Ministry: www.carm.org/

The basic disciplines required

- Daily practice - morning and evening (i.e. OT priests offered incense in the tabernacle)
 - This is a vital exercise for spiritual growth, structure, and direction.
 - Daily time in the Word & Prayer has a cleansing action on the heart and mind.
 - Daily time in the Word and Prayer set your heart and mind in the right direction.
 - Daily time in the Word and Prayer gives you wisdom and encouragement.
 - Daily time in the Word and Prayer brings faith to your heart and mind.
 - Plan it. Do it. Guard it. Time to read and meditate.
 - If you are too busy to read the Bible and pray, then you are too busy.
- Prayer –
 - Present sacrifices of praise.
 - Offer sacrifices of thanksgiving (vs shopping list).
 - Express trust & faith in God's faithfulness.
 - Intercede on behalf of others – salvation, thanksgiving, boldness and needs.
- Fasting – a very real practice that produces humility and self-control
 - Special times – crisis, celebration, preparation...
 - Abstain from food.
 - Abstain from whatever else may be a controlling influence in your life (i.e. games, TV, hobbies, etc.)

} Position you to receive God's blessings.

Seven Study Styles

1. Sketch an outline – just the (main) points.

- a) List the major words in a verse, paragraph, chapter
- b) List the verbs
- c) List the nouns
- d) Look at the prepositions (i.e. to, for, from, for) to find an order of thoughts.
- e) What is the author's focus?

2. The Character Study

- a) Use the W's & How (Who, What, When, Where, Why & How)
- b) What distinguished this person?
- c) Why did the Holy Spirit include him or her in the Bible?
- d) What can I learn from their example?
 - About Jesus?
 - About how God wants me to live?

3. Pick a topic

- a) Choose a relevant subject and search the Bible for information and inspiration.
- b) Make it useful
- c) Use the W's & How (Who, What, When, Where, Why & How)
- d) Make notes!

4. Play with numbers

- a) Look up all the “3:16” references (or any other chapter : verse combination)
 - look them up in different sections of the Word. (OT, NT, Law, Prophecy...)
- b) Find all the times the number _____ is used (i.e. 40, 3, 7, 12, ...)

5. It's a production!

- a) Consider the story a script. (Try John 4:17a – How did she say that??)
- b) Act through the scene – often one will pick up on truths and details that would otherwise be missed.
- c) This is often a fun, creative method of committing the whole story to memory. It's easier to remember what we see and do.

6. Read the funny pages

- a) Bushes on fire, staffs or serpents? Walls of darkness and water that piles up??
- b) Is a talking donkey really correcting a prophet of God?
- c) Did you see the size of that fish?
- d) Did you hear what Jesus said yesterday? That was *hilarious!*
- e) Paul's sarcasm might have stung a little but it sure was funny.

7. Investigate the word

- a) This is “roll up your sleeves and dig” hard, tedious work that is commensurately rewarding. This is mining the Scriptures for treasure. This is like the archeologist's digging in the scorching desert, brushing grit and choking dust because he is driven by the thrill of discovery.
- b) A good electronic or paper concordance is your tool of choice.
- c) What is the word?
- d) How is this word (and its various forms) used in other parts of this same book?
- e) Is this word (and its various forms) used by the same writer in another book? How?
- f) How is this word (and its various forms) used by other Biblical writers?
- g) How is this word (and various forms) used by the author's secular contemporaries?
- h) Still more to discover about this word?
 - List every occurrence in the Bible
 - Write the English words used to translate this word in three or four versions.

WORD STUDY WORKSHEET

1. What is the word and its other forms?

2. What does it mean in this context?

3. How has the same writer used it elsewhere in the same book?
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4. How has the same writer used this word in other letters/books?
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5. Where else is it used in the Bible and how is it used there?
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6. How was it used by secular contemporaries?
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FLESH “SARX” (σαρξ)

References	KJV	NIV	NASB	_____
Romans 1:3			flesh	
Romans 7:5			flesh	
Romans 13:14			flesh	

The verses in the New Testament that contain

baptizo (βαπτίζω--76 x in 63 verses) ; **baptisma** (βαπτισμα--20 x); **baptismos** (βαπτισμ

Matthew

- 3:6 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 3:7 βαπτισμα baptism _____
- 3:11 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 3:13 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 3:14 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 3:16 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 21:25 βαπτισμα baptism _____
- 28:19 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

Mark

- 1:4 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 1:4 βαπτισμα baptism _____
- 1:5 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 1:8 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 1:9 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 6:14 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 6:24 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 7:4 βαπτισμος baptismos _____
- 10:38 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 10:39 βαπτισμα baptism _____
- 10:39 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 10:40 βαπτισμα baptism _____
- 11:30 βαπτισμα baptism _____
- 16:16 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

Luke

- 3:3 βαπτισμα baptism _____
- 3:7 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 3:12 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 3:16 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 3:21 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 7:29 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 7:29 βαπτισμα baptism _____
- 7:30 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 11:38 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 12:50 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 12:50 βαπτισμα baptism _____
- 20:4 βαπτισμα baptism _____

John

- 1:25 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 1:26 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 1:28 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 1:31 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 1:33 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 3:22 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 3:26 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 4:1 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 4:2 βαπτίζο baptizo _____
- 10:40 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

Acts

1:5 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

1:22 βαπτισμα baptismas _____

2:38 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

2:41 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

8:12 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

8:13 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

8:16 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

8:36 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

8:38 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

9:18 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

10:37 βαπτισμα baptismas _____

10:47 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

10:48 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

11:16 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

13:24 βαπτισμα baptismas _____

16:15 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

16:33 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

18:8 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

18:25 βαπτισμα baptismas _____

19:3 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

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19:4 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

19:4 βαπτισμα baptismas _____

19:5 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

22:16 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

Romans

6:3 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

6:4 βαπτισμα baptismas _____

1 Corinthians

1:13 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

1:14 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

1:15 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

1:16 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

1:17 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

10:2 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

12:13 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

15:29 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

Galatians

3:27 βαπτίζο baptizo _____

Ephesians

4:5 βαπτισμα baptismas _____

Colossians

2:12 βαπτισμα baptismas _____

Hebrews

6:2 βαπτισμος baptismos _____

9:10 βαπτισμος baptismos _____

1 Peter

3:21 βαπτισμα baptismas _____