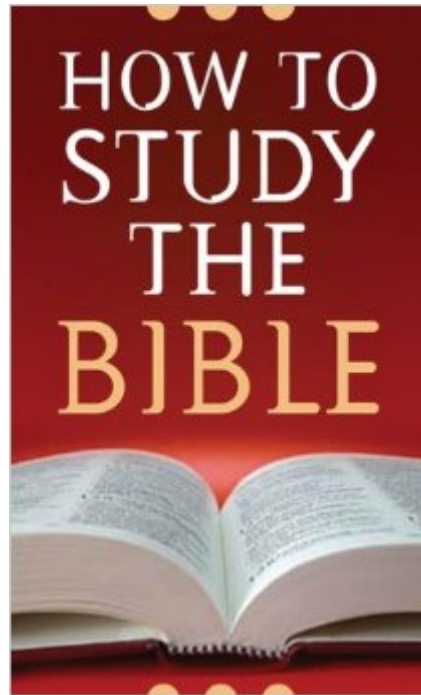


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# How To Study The Bible



## Synopsis

This guide provides a brief, concise overview of personal Bible study for the layperson. Long-time Bible teacher Robert West gives insight into the types, tools, and techniques of personal study, offering both practical guidance and encouragement to pursue the command of 2 Timothy 2:15 ("Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth"). Covering topics such as the inductive method, word studies, commentaries, dictionaries, and concordances, *How to Study the Bible* also emphasizes the personal benefits of private Bible time.

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Initially the author builds a strong case for studying the Bible from one's heart, not just mentally. He explains that figuratively, the heart in the Bible refers to our innermost thoughts, emotions, and will. So in approaching the subject we do so in a spiritual sense. He contrasts the two disciples on the Emmaus Road who had their hearts burn within them as the risen Lord Jesus opened the Scriptures to them with the Pharisees and Sadducees who limited their understanding of God's Word to the mental aspect. He makes an excellent point that God gives certain people a supernatural ability to teach the Word, as explained in Romans 12. Therefore, individual Bible study needs to be enhanced by insight gained from reputable teachers. Gifts are meant to be used. The teacher is blessed in the giving and the student is edified and instructed as a recipient. In situations where the Bible does not address a specific issue believers face, principles are given that can be applied. God's Spirit agrees with His Word. This is also a gift of God to enhance a Christian's life. Several helpful Internet sites are given to assist those wanting to follow on his advice. He aptly warns against putting too much

emphasis on any one teacher, noting that spiritually mature Bible teachers will encourage students to cross check their teachings and verify for themselves the authenticity of what they're taught. With that in mind, I disagree with the author about portions of Scripture speaking to an individual. Context is vitally important to accuracy, however Jesus Himself used portions of Scripture. I learned this from Billy Joe Dougherty. The Holy Spirit can quicken a truth to an individual that another person reading the same passage will miss. Overall this is a nice addition to one's library on Bible study, written in a straightforward, easy to understand manner. I finished it in one setting.

Incredible book for the price!! A must have for anyone wanting insight in how to learn more from the bible. Great ideas and practical suggestions. I've bought many for gifts!!

The world is full of preachies who do their best to drum doctrine down your throat when the most important of aspect of your life as a Christian is studying the Word for yourself. Letting the Bible prove itself can be a gigantic task and the helpful aide (along with atlases, concordances, dictionaries, and commentaries) will be a short guide laying down simple principles that help your Bible study. The work by Robert M. West is an excellent companion in this task of understanding the Word of God. His suggestions (as they should be) are practical, exhorting, and supportive. He does more than generally make a statement; he divides it into aspects of exploration, asking us to think it through and investigate it for ourselves. Let the Scriptures prove themselves to you so that you grow into an understanding of the Word and less in the interpretation of someone else. He provides stories of what can go wrong if we jump to conclusions. In a basic way, he takes what he has learned and encourages us to find out what we can come to know. Guides to help us grow are welcome in my world. Don't bypass this book. The price is right and it will do the one thing we need in this world and that is to help us make the Scriptures ours instead of being pressed into the mold of the preachies.

So many people are missing out on what the Bible says by just reading it. We need to STUDY it. Unfortunately, many of us haven't been taught how to do so. This book has proved invaluable to guide me in the proper way to study scripture. Once you start to study scripture, the Holy Spirit will open your eyes to many hidden treasures in scripture that you missed for years while merely reading the scripture. This book costs less than a 2 liter bottle of soda and may yet proved to be the second most valuable book you own - next to the one it will teach you to study!

Book is a short easy read - with helpful info for getting more out of your Bible study - for the price - this can't be beat

Though small, the book is powerful both in motivation and content. The passion of the writer and his know-how make this small booklet highly valuable. The price is more than reasonable.

It could have more to it. It was great as to what little it gave you maybe its worth what I paid for it but I did not feel like I gained a lot of from it. But if you find one at a reasonable price and a great deal of info be sure to let me know.

In an attempt to assist fellow church members to study the Bible in an easier manner, that leads to better and more comprehensive verbal discussion I purchased How To Study The Bible. It has been and I hope will continue to be an improved manner with which we all will continue to study the Bible.

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