Methods of Bible Study

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Introduction:

It’s an old joke but makes a great point.

A hard working man who has made his living by cutting wood to be sold to others was approached by a chainsaw salesman. He was given the assurance owning this chainsaw will cut a hundred cords of wood in a short time.

Though hesitant, he agrees, makes the purchase, then days pass.

His progress with his new machine is producing much less than he traditionally did by hand. Though he tried earlier in the day, worked longer and even harder, but simply did not produce.

He finds that crafty salesman knowing either he was duped or something is wrong with this new product. He explains the problem. The salesman, baffled by the claim, removes the chainsaw from the case, and says, "It looks fine." Then he starts the chainsaw.

The frustrated customer responds, "What's that noise?"

:-)

We will use as a guide, 12 Methods for Bible Study from Bible.org

<https://bible.org/article/12-methods-bible-study>

Hereafter (12MBS)

A printed version of this book - Rick Warren's *Bible Study Methods:12 Ways You Can Unlock God's Word*  by Rick Warren, $7.20-$11.16

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/offer-listing/0739466518/ref=sr_1_1_np_1_har_olp?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1398812645&sr=1-1&condition=new>

These lessons will focus on using modern day tools to study an age-less book.

Will show MANY ways, you will gravitate toward a few.

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Bible Study Tools

•Bible

Have an understanding of Bible Translations

Consider the difference between "word for word and thought for thought"

<https://www.google.com/search?q=See+Translation+Continuum+Graphic&tbm=isch&tbo=u&source=univ&sa=X&ei=2FhkU7-TOdSwsQTw4YDoDg&ved=0CCUQsAQ&biw=1600&bih=726>

See Translation Continuum Graphic

Example: Rom 14 compared with KJV - NASB

Rom 14:1 (KJV) Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/Bible.cfm?b=Rom&c=14&t=KJV>

Rom 14:1 (NASB) Now accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions.

[http://www.blueletterbible.org/Bible.cfm?b=Rom&c=14&t=KJV#s=t\_bibles\_1060001](http://www.blueletterbible.org/Bible.cfm?b=Rom&c=14&t=KJV#s=t_bibles_1060001 )

01 - The Devotional Method of Bible Study

This involved setting a devotion or “quiet” time and asking the Holy Spirit to guide and bring the devotions as to where you may be in your journey. Some consider this the simplest and the least amount of time as compared to other styles.

As the Word is brought into your devotion, you then study it in bite-sized portions.

Compare notes and see what others use and prefer. You will find what works best for you.

Resources for Personal Devotion

How to Create a Daily Devotional Plan By Mary Fairchild

[http://christianity.about.com/od/practicaltools/ht/createdevotion.htm](http://christianity.about.com/od/practicaltools/ht/createdevotion.htm%20)

1. Decide On a Time.

2. Decide On a Place.

3. Decide On a Time Frame.

4. Decide on a General Structure.

5. Choose a Bible Reading Plan or Bible Study.

6. Plan to Spend Some Time in Prayer.

7. Consider Spending Some Time in Worship.

8. Consider Spending Some Time Writing in a Journal.

9. Commit to Follow Your Daily Devotional Plan.

10. Be Flexible and Willing to Make Changes to Your Plan.

More of like-kind:

How to Have a Personal Christian Devotion

<http://www.wikihow.com/Have-a-Personal-Christian-Devotion>

How to Have a Meaningful Quiet Time - Adrian Rogers

<http://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/how-to-have-a-meaningful-quiet-time-1338122.html>

How to Have a Devotional Time By Dr. Richard J. Krejcir

<http://www.discipleshiptools.org/apps/articles/?articleid=36981&columnid=4189>

Read the Bible in One Year - Chronological Bible Reading Plan

<http://www.esv.org/assets/pdfs/rp.chronological.pdf>

Daily Reading Bible- Blending Daily Old Testament, New Testament, and Psalms

<http://www.esv.org/assets/pdfs/rp.every.day.in.the.word.pdf>

Through the Bible in a Year - Daily Old Testament and New Testament

<http://www.esv.org/assets/pdfs/rp.through.the.bible.pdf>

More Reading Plans

<http://www.esv.org/resources/reading-plans-devotions/>

This has programs for you Mobile iCal (Outlook), Print (PDF) & Email

More Reading Plans

<http://thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justintaylor/2010/12/31/bible-reading-plans-3/>

How to Have a Daily Devotional Time by Mary Lou Redding

<http://devotional.upperroom.org/resources/devotionaltime>

•(Not Mary Lou Retton from the 1984 Olympics)

20 Tips For Personal Devotions in the Digital Age by David Murray

[http://headhearthand.org/blog/2013/10/10/20-tips-for-personal-devotions-in-the-digital-age/](20%20Tips%20For%20Personal%20Devotions%20in%20the%20Digital%20Age%20by%20David%20Murray)

One might think it’s about using digital resources but not necessarily.

Tips Include:

•Turn off Your Phone and Avoid Computer

•Be Careful with Study Bibles and Daily Devotionals:

This is the time for God to speak, not the authors of the reading material.

How to Pray an Hour - adapted by Dr. H. E. Cardin

<http://hecardin.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/PrayOneHour.pdf>

•Praying 12 - 5 minutes segments (One Hour) of which reading the Word and Praying The Word are each segments.

Know the 5 P’s of the Word: Passage, Principle, Personalize, Persuade, Perform

<http://cogop.org/uploads/images/WWM/Magazine/2012/2012.03.pdf>

Page - 20 The Importance of Committing Scripture to Memory by Dr. H. E. Cardin

Method One - The Devotional Method of Bible Study

•Daily Bread (Other Devotional Sites)

- <http://odb.org/> Our Daily Bread

- - Why?

- - - Computer, mobile phone (iPhone), tablets (iPad)

- - - It will READ to you, copy text. (MP3)

It plays well on mobile devices when you are on the go.

- - - Spanish (It is the SAME as English, not a different version.)

Nuestro Pan Diario – Daily Bread in Spanish

<http://rbclatino.org/>

Take the devotions in English

Example - <http://odb.org/2014/04/23/shout-hallelujah/>

Spanish - <http://rbclatino.org/2014/04/23/>

What you read in English, e.g. - odb.org/2014/04/23/ replace odb.org with rbclatino.org for Spanish - rbclatino.org/2014/04/23/

- - - Topics or Subject

It allows for searches (upper right), type in the box

e.g. - Bible Study

<http://odb.org/?s=Bible+Study&submit=Search&tz=-06>

- Again, if you find something in English, (after clicking Read More) just exchange the odb.org with rbclatino.org for Spanish.

- - - Printed Version

Register online - <https://secure.rbc.org/odb/signup/>

<http://odb.org/subscriptions/>

- - - Even a LARGE Printed Version

RBC Ministries

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- - - Bulk Distribution (For your groups, work, friends)

Quantities of Our Daily Bread are available to be sent directly to your church or organization. To place your order, please indicate the quantity of booklets you would like to receive each quarter using our online form. If you prefer, you can also call us at 1-616-974-2210.

- - - eBook Version - $2.99 (Quarterly) $8.99 (Yearly Volume)

Available on iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, and Mac. (Via iTunes)

- - - Has Mobile Apps: iPhone, iPad, & iPod | Google Android | Kindle Fire

<http://odb.org/mobile-resources/>

- - - Downside, More Calvin than Arminian

•The Upper Room, Nashville, TN.

<http://devotional.upperroom.org/>

•Daily Devotionals - Christian Bible Reading - Crosswalk.com

<http://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/>

•Ron Hutchcraft - For Youth, YouthWorkers, etc.

<http://www.hutchcraft.com/a-word-with-you/>

- You can subscribe and have them e-mailed to you.

- You can listen (Click on the “Play” triangle and listen to it).

- You can right-click the link to download and save the audio (MP3)

- You can highlight, copy and paste the text for filing or to be place in your document.

- There is a “Search” Feature (Right side of menu)

<http://www.hutchcraft.com/search/search/search-ron-hutchcraft-ministries>

- Type in a word or phrase like “Bible Study” and it will show results

Let’s Share:

•What Works for you? •What Devotional Material(s) do you use?

•What are the advantages (possibly disadvantages)?

•Tell us of one of the special (favorite) devotions where the Lord may have spoken or the Word may have come alive.

•Resources NOT mentioned?

•Nuggets - What will you hold on to? What will you pass on? What spoke to you and why? What will you use NOW?

02 - The Chapter Summary Method of Bible

Method Two - The Chapter Summary Method of Bible

In this method, we read the chapter many times (five or so). Read it with a paragraph style Bible.

Example - 1Co 13:1 - Notice the paragraph symbol (¶).

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/Bible.cfm?b=1Co&c=13&t=KJV#s=1075007>

Another Example

<http://biblehub.com/kjv/genesis/1.htm>

It was written in letter form so the paragraphs allow the story to flow and the thoughts not to become so disjointed. This is a good practice to aid in being careful not to take a scripture out of context.

Keep in mind, when the Bible was written, it was not written divided in chapters or verses.

We did not get chapter divisions until the year 1228 by Bishop Stephen Langton.

He is credited “...having divided the Bible into the standard modern arrangement of books and chapters used today.”

<https://www.princeton.edu/~achaney/tmve/wiki100k/docs/Stephen_Langton.html>

We did not get verse divisions until the year 1551.

•Old Testament - “Henry Stephens in 1509"

•New Testament - “Robert Stephens in ... 1551"

<http://www.bible-researcher.com/chapter-verse.html>

Even where they are divided may present a challenge so be aware of what may precede or follow your targeted text(s).

“There are 1,189 chapters in the Protestant Bible.”

*Teaching the Bible* by W. Terry Whalin, page 75. [Google Books](http://books.google.com/books?id=bmuS9JanxpQC&pg=PA75&lpg=PA75&dq=There+are+1,189+chapters+in+the+Protestant+Bible&source=bl&ot)

Ask yourself questions as it relates to the content of the chapter, and look for a summary of each chapter.

For a list of questions and more ideas, consider Josh McDowell’s Guide to Understanding Your Bible: Bonus Resources (36 Pages)

[http://www.josh.org/wp-content/uploads/UBible\_BonusResources.pdf](http://www.josh.org/wp-content/uploads/UBible_BonusResources.pdf%20)

As you read, look for a “Chapter Outline” that appears to you.

See examples of outlines.

BibleHub.com

<http://biblehub.com/outline/>

Resources for The Chapter Summary Method of Bible

How to Outline Scripture by Dr. Richard J. Krejcir

<http://70030.netministry.com/apps/articles/?articleid=31442&columnid=3801>

Example:

James Chapter 1 Conceptual Outline Example (the concepts and precepts):

Theme: How do we react to pressure? Faith will not break when it is real, even when times are dire. We are stable because of who we are in Christ and not because of our circumstances.

I. Trials are a part of life.

1:1: Greetings

1:2-4: Seeking Jesus to deal with problems! We can declare them joy (Matt. 5:11-12; Luke 6:22-23)

1:5: Seeking wisdom to deal with life; receiving from God (Matt. 7:7; Luke 11:19)

1: 6-8: Asking for faith and not doubting (Matt. 21:-22; Mark 11:22-24)

II. Temptations will come.

1: 9-11: Humbleness; seeking the proper perspective on life (Matt. 13:6; 23:12; Mark 4:7: Luke 14:11; 18:14)

III. How will you handle trials and guard against impurity?

1:12: Importance of perseverance (Matt. 5:11-12)

1:13-18: Holding on to the goodness of God (Matt. 7:12; 19:16; Luke 6:27, 35)

IV. We have to be doers of the Word, not just hearers.

1:19-20: The importance of listening (Matt. 7:11; Luke 6:46-49).

1:21-27: Our call to be compassionate toward those who hurt (Matt. 25:34-36)

Project Gutenberg Outline Study Bible by Books by Josiah Blake Tidwell

<http://www.gutenberg.org/files/16290/16290-h/16290-h.htm>

Example:

James

Analysis.

Salutation, 1:1.

I. Proper Attitude Toward Trials. 1:2-18.

II. Proper Altitude Toward God's Word, 1:19-27 end.

Introductions from the NIV Study Bible

[http://www.biblica.com/es-us/la-biblia/biblia-en-linea/scholar-notes/niv-study-bible/](http://www.biblica.com/es-us/la-biblia/biblia-en-linea/scholar-notes/niv-study-bible/%20)

Example:

Outline

•Greetings (1:1)

•Trials and Temptations (1:2–18) ?The Testing of Faith (1:2–12)

•The Source of Temptation (1:13–18)

•Listening and Doing (1:19–27)

<http://www.biblica.com/es-us/la-biblia/biblia-en-linea/scholar-notes/niv-study-bible/intro-to-james/>

Study guides for books of the Bible (288 outlines)

<http://executableoutlines.com/guides.htm>

•Hint: Save them as a PDF.

Making And Using An Outline By Donnie V. Rader

<http://www.truthmagazine.com/making-and-using-an-outline>

Chapter Outlines of the Books of the Bible

<http://www.wellsbiblestudy.com/page5999.html>

Example:

James 1

I. Salutation. Vs. 1

A. James, a servant of God and Jesus. Vs. 1

B. To the twelve tribes scattered abroad. Vs. 1, Acts 2:5-42

C. Greeting. Vs. 1

II. Rejoice in your afflictions of faith. Vs. 2-4

A. Count it all joy. Vs. 2 1 Peter 1:6-8

B. The trying of your faith produces patience. Vs. 3 Romans 5:3-4

C. Patience produces maturity lacking nothing. Vs. 4 1 Peter 5:10

III. Obtain wisdom by prayer with faith. Vs. 5-8 Job 28:28; James 3:17

<http://www.wellsbiblestudy.com/James1.pdf>

Notice, this one adds OTHER verses where the SAME principle may be found.

Bible Chapter Summaries

<http://www.bradwarden.com/christian/biblechapter/>

Example:

James 1 - Enduring faith & wisdom from God, glad with poverty or riches, faithful in difficulties & temptation, hearing & doing good

•Hint: Consult these AFTER you have read it on your own several times.

Biblenotes - Entire Bible Summarized (110 pages)

<http://www.biblenotes.net/Biblenotes.pdf>

Bible Outlines: Every Book.

<http://www.biblestudystart.com/outlines/>

Example:

•James chapter 1

•Jas 1:1-4. We are to rejoice under the cross;

•Jas 1:5-12. to ask patience of God;

•Jas 1:13-18. and in our trials not to impute our weakness, or sins, to him,

•Jas 1:19-25. but rather to hearken to the word, to meditate on it, and to do thereafter.

•Jas 1:26-27. Otherwise men may seem, but never be, truly religious.

<http://www.biblestudystart.com/outlines/james.html>

Notes & Outlines - J. Vernon McGee

<http://thruthebible.ca/notes/>

Example: James

I. Verification of genuine faith, Chapters 1 — 3

A. God tests faith by trials, Chapter 1:1-12 (Twofold result: development of patience here, v. 3; reward hereafter, v. 12)

B. God does not test faith with evil, Chapter 1:13-21 (Evil comes from within — the flesh, v. 14)

C. God tests faith by the Word, not by man’s words, Chapter 1:22-27 (Doing, not doctrine, is the final test of faith; knowing is not enough.)

<http://thruthebible.ca/notes/James.pdf> Page 4 of PDF.

Great Chapters of the Bible

<http://justopenthebook.com/the-bible/great-chapters-of-the-bible/>

30 Great Topical Chapters (Turn on your Pop-Up blockers) :)

<http://www.angelfire.com/il/lcms/30chap.html>

Example:

The Shepherd Chapter - Psalms 23

The Lord's Prayer chapter - Matt. 6

The Comfort Chapter - John 14

The Abiding Chapter - John 15

The Gifts Chapter - 1 Cor. 12

The Love Chapter - 1 Cor. 13

The Tongue Chapter - James 3

BibleSummary.info - every chapter in 140 characters or less

<http://www.biblesummary.info/>

Example:

James

Jas1: James, to the tribes. Many trials produce perseverance. Riches will fade. Every good gift comes from the Father. Be doers of the word.

<http://www.biblesummary.info/james>

Let’s Share:

•What one of your favorite Bible Chapters and why?

•Any Additional Resources help you to see more into this (and possibly other) chapter(s)?

•Resources NOT mentioned?

•Nuggets - What will you hold on to? What will you pass on? What spoke to you and why? What will you use NOW?

03 - The Character Quality Method of Bible

Method Three - The Character Quality Method of Bible

Imagine a man walking by a sculpture, sculpting a big beautiful lion out of old, ugly, piece of stone. In amazement, he asked, “How do you do that?” The sculpture turned and smiled. The amazed onlooker continued with his question, “How do you make that beautiful lion out of that old, ugly, piece of stone? The sculpture confidently replied, “It’s easy. All I have to do, is knock off the pieces that doesn’t look like a lion.”

The Revelation of Jesus shows Him as “the Lion of the tribe of Juda” (Rev 5:5).

Specific Personal Characteristics (Do’s and Don’t’s?)

This Method of Bible Study is NOT to come up with a list of Do’s and Don’ts but what Christ looks like and what He doesn’t look like.

Remember the 5 P’s again. We are reading “Passages”, looking for “Principles”, that we might “Personalize”, and this area, that our study will “Persuade”, us, to lead us to “Perform” the Word.

Resources for The Character Quality Method of Bible

Put Off... Put On - BlueLetterBible.org (This is GREAT!)

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/study/misc/putoffon.cfm>

Put Off - Put On - GatewayBiblicalCounseling.org

[http://www.gatewaybiblicalcounseling.org/resources/putoffputonlist.htm](http://www.gatewaybiblicalcounseling.org/resources/putoffputonlist.htm%20)

Put Ons and Put Offs by Dr. Richard J. Krejcir

<http://www.discipleshiptools.org/apps/articles/?articleid=36763&columnid=4166>

Put Off/ Put On Chart - Sermon Handout

<https://www.lifeaction.org/media/static/uploads/media/pdf/summithandouts/Put_off_Put_on.pdf>

"Put On - Put Off" Chart

[http://mondayswithmike.org/index.php/word-blog/16-word-general/175-put-on-put-off-chart](http://mondayswithmike.org/index.php/word-blog/16-word-general/175-put-on-put-off-chart%20)

Christian Character Traits

<http://www.discipleshiptools.org/apps/articles/?articleid=37084&columnid=4166>

Consider the questions:

•Is this character working in me?

•How do I now exhibit this character in my daily life?

•How can I use this character to develop a better willingness to respond to others-especially to the ones I love-with a since of awe, and fear of God, and respect for people?

•What blocks this character from working and being exhibited in me?

•How can I make this character function better, stronger, and faster, even in times of uncertainly and stress?

•Think through the steps you would take to put this character into action in a specific instance, or, to improve it. Consider the examples from the passages in God's Word.

How to Do a Bible Character Study (4 Pages)

<http://www.cmfhq.org/portals/0/acrobat/training/character.pdf>

The Word shares that many Bible stories were for our example or to warn us (1 Corinthians 10:11).

For this style of Bible Study, the Book of Proverbs serves well, clearly outlining Godly directives, evil warnings and clear outcomes.

Let’s Share:

•What Specific Personal Characteristics...

...Do You Want to “Put On” (Share example of Bible Character)

Good examples

...Do You Want to “Put Off” (Share example of Bible Character)

Bad examples

•Resources NOT mentioned? •Nuggets - What will you hold on to? What will you pass on? What spoke to you and why? What will you use NOW?

04 - The Thematic Method of Bible Study

Method Four - The Thematic Method of Bible Study

This study of Themes or even Doctrines is different than the Topical Method of Bible study. The topical study includes even sub-themes.

The thematic study keeps the focus on a single theme.

If you are Armenian-Wesleyan-Pentecostal (Saved-Sanctified-Filled-with-the-Holy-Spirit), then reading material provided by those from a Calvinistic preference will not align with your theology. Do not “throw out the baby with the bath water” – Just know there will be a difference.

Resources for The Thematic Method of Bible Study

Systematic Theology, by Louis Berkhof.PDF (833 Pages) Free

<http://books.biblicaltraining.org/Systematic%20Theology%20by%20Louis%20Berkhof.pdf>

To purchase a hard copy

Systematic Theology, by Louis Berkhof, $26.29

[http://www.amazon.com/Systematic-Theology-Louis-Berkhof/dp/0851510566/ref=sr\_1\_1/180-2312148-7315113?ie=UTF8&qid=1398811721&sr=8-1&keywords=berkhoff+systematic+theology](http://www.amazon.com/Systematic-Theology-Louis-Berkhof/dp/0851510566/ref=sr_1_1/180-2312148-7315113?ie=UTF8&qid=1398811721&sr=)

MANY Theology Studies

<http://www.ntslibrary.com/theology-PDF-books.htm>

The Trinity, Lionel Hartley Ph.D. (PDF, 29 Pages)

<http://www.ntslibrary.com/PDF%20Books/The%20Trinity.pdf>

Systematic Theology I, Charles Hodge (PDF 516 Pages) (1797-1878) Free <http://www.ntslibrary.com/PDF%20Books/Systematic%20Theology%20-%20C%20Hodge%20Vol%201.pdf>

Systematic Theology II, Charles Hodge (PDF 577 Pages) (1797-1878) Free

<http://www.ntslibrary.com/PDF%20Books/Systematic%20Theology%20-%20C%20Hodge%20Vol%202.pdf>

To purchase a printed copy, $54.95

<http://www.ebay.com/itm/like/380881613183?lpid=82>

Names of the Holy Spirit, Elmer Towns (PDF 143 Pages) Free

[http://www.ntslibrary.com/PDF%20Books/The\_Names\_Of\_The\_HolySpirit[ETowns].pdf](http://www.ntslibrary.com/PDF%20Books/The_Names_Of_The_HolySpirit%5bETowns%5d.pdf%20)

To purchase a printed copy, $39.98

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/offer-listing/0830716769/ref=sr_1_2_olp?ie=UTF8&qid=1399086586&sr=8-2&keywords=Names+of+the+Holy+Spirit%2C+Elmer+Towns&condition=new>

Systematic Theology - Boyce (PDF 397 Pages, 1887)

<http://ntslibrary.com/PDF%20Books%20II/Abstract%20of%20SystematicTheology-Boyce.pdf>

To purchase a printed copy, $75.00

<http://www.biblio.com/book/abstract-systematic-theology-james-p-boyce/d/600099081>

Discovery Series - this is from Radio Bible Class, that brings us Our Daily Bread.

<http://discoveryseries.org/>

Some of the Better Ones:

•Joseph: Overcoming Life’s Challenges

<http://discoveryseries.org/discovery-series/joseph-overcoming-lifes-challenges/>

This works well for The Biographical Method of Bible Study as well.

•What Can I Do With My Worry?

<http://discoveryseries.org/discovery-series/what-can-i-do-with-my-worry/>

•How To Identify A Dangerous Religious Group

<http://discoveryseries.org/discovery-series/how-to-identify-a-dangerous-religious-group/>

•When A Man’s Eye Wanders: Breaking The Power Of Pornography

<http://discoveryseries.org/discovery-series/when-a-mans-eye-wanders-breaking-the-power-of-pornography/>

•When A Spouse Is Unfaithful

<http://discoveryseries.org/discovery-series/when-a-spouse-is-unfaithful/>

•When Anger Burns

<http://discoveryseries.org/discovery-series/when-anger-burns/>

•10 Reasons to Believe In Christ Rather Than Religion

[http://discoveryseries.org/ten-reasons/in-christ-rather-than-religion/](http://discoveryseries.org/ten-reasons/in-christ-rather-than-religion/%20)

•10 Reasons to Believe In The Bible

<http://discoveryseries.org/ten-reasons/in-the-bible/>

Videos on the Holy Spirit (CIMS)

•Being Led by the Holy Spirit

<http://vimeo.com/12622411>

•Doctrine of the Holy Spirit: Part 1

<http://vimeo.com/11990211>

•Doctrine of Salvation: Part 5: Baptism in the Holy Spirit

<http://vimeo.com/11994752>

•What It Means to Be Filled With the Spirit

<http://vimeo.com/12622067>

•Understanding the Holy Spirit

<http://vimeo.com/12623924>

•Praying in the Holy Spirit

<http://vimeo.com/12623570>

•Walking in the Holy Spirit

<http://vimeo.com/12622788>

•Being Led by the Holy Spirit

<http://vimeo.com/12622411>

•What It Means to Be Filled With the Spirit

<http://vimeo.com/12622067>

•The Holy Spirit Baptism

<http://vimeo.com/12621648>

•The Holy Spirit in the New Testament: Part 1

<http://vimeo.com/12596602>

•The Holy Spirit in the New Testament: Part 2

<http://vimeo.com/12612497>

To Purchase these DVD’s - Download my CIMS Manual I made

<http://hecardin.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/CIMS.pdf>

The DVD Library Catalog, page 101-120

They are $12.50 each

Let’s Share:

•What one of your favorite Bible Chapters and why?

•Any Additional Resources help you to see more into this (and possibly other) chapter(s)?

•Resources NOT mentioned?

•Nuggets - What will you hold on to? What will you pass on? What spoke to you and why? What will you use NOW?

05 - The Biographical Method of Bible Study

Method Five - The Biographical Method of Bible Study

The Biographical Method of Bible Study differs from The Character Quality Method of Bible in that the Biographical Method focuses on the individual in the Bible, while the Character Quality Method is focused on the Character and may use MANY Bible Characters to share the lessons. (Adapted from 12MBS)

Resources for The Biographical Method of Bible Study

The Tools you will need:

•Bible

Remember about the translations issue.

Example:

Mat 24:37 (KJV) But as the days of “Noe”

(NASB) “Noah”

•Exhaustive Concordance

You can use MANY online versions

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/>

Type in “Noah” (Search) 51 times in 45 verses in the KJV.

•Strong’s Concordance - Free

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/concordances/strongs-exhaustive-concordance/>

To purchase a printed copy, $49.98 + $8.78 SHIPPING

[http://www.rakuten.com/prod/the-new-strong-s-exhaustive-concordance-of-the-bible/211230207.html?listingId=331372854&scid=pla\_google\_SynergyDataInc&adid=17260&gclid=CIDhrujlhr4CFU4R7AodzCEA2g](http://www.rakuten.com/prod/the-new-strong-s-exhaustive-concordance-of-the-bible/211230207.html?listingId=331372854&scid=pla_go)

•Topical Bible

<http://www.openbible.info/topics/>

[•Nave’s Topical Bible](http://www.biblegateway.com/topical/)

<http://www.biblegateway.com/topical/>

Nave's Topical Bible, by Orville J. Nave, A.M., D.D., LL.D. Nave began this masterpiece while he was serving as an army chaplain. It contains over 20,000 topics and sub-topics, covering 100,000 scripture references.

To purchase a printed copy, $14.99

[http://www.christianbook.com/naves-topical-bible-orville-nave/9781565637931/pd/0602X?dv=c&en=google-pla&event=PLASHOP&kw=bibles-0-20&p=1167941&gclid=CLPn5YTmhr4CFaNj7AodzyUALg](http://www.christianbook.com/naves-topical-bible-orville-nave/9781565637931/pd/0602X?dv=c&en=google-pla&event=PLASHOP&kw=bibles)

•Torrey’s Topical Bible

<http://www.biblegateway.com/topical/?source=Torrey&resultspp=25>

Reverend R.A. Torrey is perhaps most well known for his topical concordance, a guide for Christians on all varieties of life issues. It also contains over 20,000 topics and over 50,000 Scripture references.

To purchase a printed copy, $16.60

<http://www.amazon.com/The-New-Topical-Textbook-Torrey/dp/0873986075>

Download as a PDF (617 Pages)

<http://www.biblesnet.com/torreys_new_topical_textbook_ra_torrey%20concordances.pdf>

•Easton's Bible Dictionary

[http://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionaries/eastons-bible-dictionary/](http://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionaries/eastons-bible-dictionary/%20)

To purchase a printed copy, $29.99

<http://www.amazon.com/Illustrated-Bible-Dictionary-M-G-Easton/dp/1596050535>

Example:

Noah

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionaries/eastons-bible-dictionary/noah.html>

Easton's Bible Dictionary Download zip file

<http://www.biblesnet.com/easton_bible_dictionary.zip>

Easton's Bible Dictionary Online different location

<http://www.biblesnet.com/eastons_bible_dictionary/index.htm>

Smith's Bible Dictionary by William Smith (PDF file, 867 Pages)

<http://www.biblesnet.com/Smith's%20Bible%20Dictionary.pdf>

Helps & Hints

•Look up the person’s name.

Make sure you have the right person with the right name.

Joseph of the Old Testament is different than Joseph of the New Testament

•Make a note of your first impression after reading the passages.

•Make a chronological outline of the person's life

Example:

Moses

His first 40 years, Moses learned to be somebody. (Raised in a Palace.)

His second 40 years, Moses learned to be a nobody. (Tended Animals in a Desert.)

His last 40 years, Moses learned how God can take a nobody who thought he was a somebody and do great things! (Exodus.)

•Look for hidden insights about the person when reading.

Example:

Joseph

Pet. Genesis 37:3

Pest. (Told on his brothers) Genesis 37:2

Pit. Genesis 37:18

Potiphar's House. Genesis 37:36

Promoted. Genesis 39:3

Pressure. (To Have Sex) Genesis 39:7

Prison. Genesis 39:20

Palace/Prince. Genesis 41:42

Papa. Manasseh/I Forgot, Genesis 41:51 & Ephraim/ I'm SO blessed, Gen 41:52.

•Summarize the Lessons You Have Learned.

•Write out What You Have Learned

Personal Application, what to do, what NOT to do.

•Share with Others

To reinforce the lesson

Accountability

Teach what you learn

“I need someone to tutor me!” NO! You need someone to tutor.

•Start a Community of “Best Friends” from the Bible.

I sometimes like to introduce a sermon/lesson, “I have the rare privilege to introduce to you one of my best friends from the Bible.”

•Make a Quick List of Biblical People You Would like to Study

Abraham, Daniel, David, Elijah, Elisha, Ezekiel, Isaiah, Isaac, Jacob, Jeremiah, Jesus, John – (The Apostle), Joseph – OT, Joseph – NT, Joshua, Moses, Paul, Peter, Samson, Samuel, Saul – OT

•You May Want to Start with a Lesson Know Character

Minor but Important Men of the Bible

Absalom, Andrew, Apostles – (lesser known), Aquila, Barnabas, James, John the Baptist, Jonah, Jonathan, Luke, Mark, Matthew, Mephibosheth, and Timothy.

Minor but Important Women of the Bible

Abigail, Abishag, Bathsheba, Eunice, Jezebel, Martha, Mary – Jesus' mother, Mary Magdalene, Priscilla, and Rahab.

Look over the “General Questions for a Biographical Study”

<https://bible.org/article/12-methods-bible-study>

•Who wrote what we know about this person?

•What did people say about him/her?

•What did his enemies say about him/her?

•What did his/her family (wife/husband, children, brothers, sisters, parents) say about him/her?

•What did God say about him/her?

•Why do you think God allowed this person to be mentioned in the Bible?

And MANY more.

•List the Positive Character Qualities

A Servant, Boldness, Compassionate, Good Stewardship, Integrity, Meekness, Self-giving, Zealousness

•List Negative Character Qualities

A Busybody, A Drunkard, A Liar, Adulterous, Bitter, Covetous, Disobedient, Fornicator, Headstrong, Manipulative, Stubborn, Unforgiving, Violent,

How to Do a Bible Character Study

<http://www.cmfhq.org/portals/0/acrobat/training/character.pdf>

How To Study A Bible Character - NavPress

<https://bible.org/article/how-study-bible-character>

Bible Character Studies.pdf - Jesus Followers

<http://www.jesus-follower.org/data/bible_study/english/bible%20character%20studies.pdf>

Let’s Share:

•Who Are Some of Your Best Friends from the Bible and Why?

... Who Might You Say Of, I Want That to Be Said of Me.

Good examples

... Who Might You Say Of, I DON’T Want That to Be Said of Me.

Bad examples

•Resources NOT mentioned?

•Nuggets - What will you hold on to? What will you pass on? What spoke to you and why? What will you use NOW?

06 - The Topical Method of Bible Study

Method Six - The Topical Method of Bible Study

Many, many, many people use the topical method. There may be a topic they need to know more about and that sets their focus.

Why? It yields immediate results. You can build on the work of others who have studied before you.

The topical method was even used by Jesus who shared, “beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself” (Luke 24:27, KJV). HE was the topic.

The Thematic Method of Bible study is different in that it focuses on one theme. The Topical Method of Bible Study may surface many different themes.

Notice How often does it occur? Which of the books write more about it? Which book used it most? Who mentions the word first? Could a writer use a theme, same word, same root word but different meaning?

Example:

Righteousness

Matthew - Doing the Right Thing

Paul - Our Righteousness is from Jesus.

•Dangers

You only study the topics of interest and ignore lesser known, yet they are of great importance.

Resources for The Topical Method of Bible Study

•Hitchcock's Topical Analysis - Free

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/study/hta/>

To purchase a printed copy, $59.95, used

<http://www.amazon.com/HITCHCOCKS-COMPLETE-ANALYSIS-HOLY-BIBLE/dp/B000KI951M>

•Topical Bible Verses

<http://biblehub.com/topical/>

The Biblos Team has worked hard to supplement these classic works with over 3600 contemporary topics. This topic list was greatly aided by the excellent list of topics at OpenBible.info. The Biblos topics are labeled as "Topical Bible Verses" and carry a Creative Commons Attribution License.

•Topics within a Text

<http://biblehub.com/topical/revelation/1-2.htm>

•List of Bible Topics

<http://www.bibleinfo.com/en/topics>

<http://biblehub.com/topical/>

•Bible Verses by Topic

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/topical-verses/>

•Use Wild Cards (\*) When Searching Online

Example:

Topic is Love

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/>

Type lov\* (The asterisk \* makes it a “wild card”)

It searches FORMS of the word, some 555 times in 472 verses (KJV)

Love, Lovest, Loved, Loving, etc.

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/search.cfm?Criteria=lov%2A&t=KJV#s=s_primary_0_1>

If I had just typed “Love” it would have only found 310 times in 280 verses (KJV).

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/search.cfm?Criteria=Love&t=KJV#s=s_primary_0_1>

•How to Do a Topical Bible Study - LifeWay Press

<http://www.hbcjc.org/uploads/file/Topical_Study.pdf>

•How to Do a Topical Bible Study - BibleStudyDocs.com

<http://biblestudydocs.com/files/how-to-do-a-topical-bible-study.htm>

•How to Do a Topical Study - the Topical Bible Study Method

<http://www.cmfhq.org/Portals/0/acrobat/training/Topical.pdf>

•Topical Method of Study - GlobalReach.org

<http://www.globalreach.org/english/images/S2321ENE05_09.pdf>

•Nave’s Topical Bible by Orville J. Nave (1,087 pages)

<http://www.grace-ebooks.com/library/Orville%20J%20Nave/ON_Naves%20Topical%20Bible.pdf>

•Nave's Topical Bible by Orville J. Nave (1,003 pages)

<http://www.thefishersofmenministries.com/Naves%20Topical%20Bible.pdf>

Also - <http://www.ccel.org/ccel/nave/bible.html>

•Online Topical Bible

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/concordances/naves-topical-bible/>

•Topical Sermon Series

Topical sermons on various Biblical subjects (548 outlines)

<http://executableoutlines.com/top_serm.htm>

•Hint: Save them as a PDF.

•Single Topical Sermons

Sermons on miscellaneous Bible topics (145 outlines)

<http://executableoutlines.com/top_misc.htm>

•Hint: Save them as a PDF.

•TSK BLB

Example:

John 3:16 (Look at the topics)

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/Bible.cfm?b=Jhn&c=3&t=KJV#s=1000016>

Tools

Cross-Reference (Treasury of Scripture Knowledge, BlueLetterBible.org)

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/Bible.cfm?b=Jhn&c=3&t=KJV#s=t_corr_1000016>

Let’s Share:

•What Are Some of Your Favorite Topics? (Top 3?)

•What Do You Wish You Could Hear More About? (Sermons, Lessons, Bible Studies...)

•What Might Be Studies or Lessons You May Have Only Heard ONCE? (Not Very Often)

•What Might Be a Study or Lesson - You’ve NEVER Heard?

•Resources NOT mentioned?

•Nuggets - What will you hold on to? What will you pass on? What spoke to you and why? What will you use NOW?

07 - The Word Study Method of Bible Study

Method Seven - The Word Study Method of Bible Study

Martin Luther said, “I study my Bible like I gather apples. First, I shake the whole tree that the ripest may fall. Then I shake each limb, and when I have shaken each limb, I shake each branch and every twig. Then I look under every leaf. I search the Bible as a whole like shaking the whole tree. Then I shake every limb--study book after book. Then I shake every branch, giving attention to the chapters. Then I shake every twig, or a careful study of the paragraphs and sentences and words and their meanings.”

<http://www.sermonillustrations.com/a-z/b/bible_study_of.htm>

•Word Studies Have Been Made Much Easier Because of the Web

Example

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/>

Put in verse, Jhn 21:15

Tools

Interlinear

Parse

Pronounce

Strongs

LXX Septuagint (Greek Old Testament)

Examples

Jhn 21:15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs

tools

Interlinear

Jesus - lovest thou g25 agapao (Agape Love)

Peter - I love g5368 phileo (Philadelphia, Brotherly Love)

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/Bible.cfm?b=Jhn&c=21&t=KJV#s=t_conc_1018015>

V16

tools

Interlinear

Jesus - lovest thou g25 agapao (Agape Love) Sacrificial Love

Peter - I love g5368 phileo (Philadelphia, Brotherly Love) Fond of you

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/Bible.cfm?b=Jhn&c=21&t=KJV#s=t_conc_1018016>

V17

tools

Interlinear

Jesus - lovest g5368 phileo

Jesus DID NOT use agapao (Agape Love) Sacrificial Love, He uses the word Peter used.

(Philadelphia, Brotherly Love) Fond of you

Peter was GRIEVED.

Jesus KNOWS

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/Bible.cfm?b=Jhn&c=21&t=KJV#s=t_conc_1018017>

You will not pick this up in English, even in context.

•While Studying the Words, Look at it Different Versions to See How it Was Used.

Example:

2 Thessalonians 2:7 (KJV)

...only he who now letteth will let...

The use of “let” is used in tennis

Let - The umpire heard the serve clip the net as it went over, so she called a let.

<http://www.englishclub.com/vocabulary/sports-tennis.htm>

The idea of “letteth” means to hold back.

(NIV) ...who now holds it back...

(BBE) ... keeping back the ...

Someone asked me to prepare a lesson on the “Upper Room.”

My first thought, “What can be said?” Only one thought came to mind. After searching, not just those words, but words OTHER VERSIONS used, I discovered:

The Upper Room a Place Of...

1. **Communion with Jesus** - Mark 14:15 And he will shew you a large ***upper room*** furnished and prepared: there make ready for us. (Also Luke 22:12.)

2. To Be **Filled with the Spirit** - Acts 1:13 And when they were come in, they went up into an ***upper room***, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James [the son] of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas [the brother] of James.

3. A Place of **Victory** - Judges 3:20 And Ehud came unto him; and he was sitting in ***a summer parlour***, which he had for himself alone.

4. A Place of **Prayer**

A. Elijah - 1 Kings 17:19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up ***into a loft***, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

B. Daniel - Daniel 6:10 (NIV) Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his ***upstairs room*** where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

5. A Place to Bring the Dead Back to **Life**.

A. Dorcus - Acts 9:37 (KJV) And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her ***in an upper chamber***.

Acts 9:39 Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them.

B. Eutychus - Acts 20:8 And there were many lights in ***the upper chamber***, where they were gathered together.

Acts 20:7 And upon the first [day] of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

8 And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together. (Oxygen thin?)

9 And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead.

10 And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing [him] said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.

Acts 20:12 And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

C. Elijah/Shunammite woman's child. 1 Kings 17:19 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him ***up into a loft***, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed.

1 Kings 17:21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again.

1 Kings 17:22 And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived.

•Choose the Word You Will Study

Know if it’s used differently in English as well as the Bible original language (e.g. - Hebrew, Greek, etc.)

•Note the definition of the original word (Hebrew, Greek, or Aramaic)

Example:

Love

The word “occurs 310 times in 280 verses in the KJV”

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/search.cfm?Criteria=love&t=KJV#s=s_primary_0_1>

Click on “ LexiConc”

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/search.cfm?Criteria=love&t=KJV#s=s_lexiconc>

It will give every Hebrew Word and every Greek Word that is used for the English word “Love.”

Below, you see the Strong’s Number (H for Hebrew, G for Greek), a transliteration (English equivalent), Pronunciation, definition.

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| **Old Testament (Hebrew) for** **"love"** | | | |
| [H157](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H157) | *'ahab* | ä·hav' | love, lover(s), friend(s), beloved, liketh, **love**ly, loving |
| [H158](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H158) | *'ahab* | ah'·hav | **love**rs, loving |
| [H159](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H159) | *'ohab* | ō'·hav | **love**s |
| [H160](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H160) | *'ahabah* | a·hav·ä | **love** |
| [H1730](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H1730) | *dowd* | dōde | beloved, uncle, love(s), father's brother, wellbe**love**d |
| [H2245](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H2245) | *chabab* | khä·vav' | **love**d |
| [H2532](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H2532) | *chemdah* | khem·dä' | pleasant, desire, be**love**d, goodly, precious |
| [H2836](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H2836) | *chashaq* | khä·shak' | desire, set his love, filleted, log, delight, in **love** |
| [H3033](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H3033) | *yĕdiduwth* | yed·ē·düth' | dearly be**love**d |
| [H3039](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H3039) | *yĕdiyd* | yed·ēd' | beloved, wellbeloved, **love**s, amiable |
| [H4261](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H4261) | *machmad* | makh·mäd' | pleasant thing, pleasant, desire, goodly, lovely, be**love**d |
| [H5689](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H5689) | *`agab* | ä·gav' | doted, **love**rs |
| [H5690](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H5690) | *`egeb* | eh'·ghev | love, **love**ly |
| [H5691](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H5691) | *`agabah* | ag·ä·vä' | inordinate **love** |
| [H7355](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H7355) | *racham* | rä·kham' | ...mercy, ...compassion, pity, **love**, merciful, Ruhamah, surely |
| [H7356](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H7356) | *racham* | rakh'·am | mercy, compassion, womb, bowels, pity, damsel, tender **love** |
| [H7453](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H7453) | *rea`* | rā'·ah | neighbour, friend, another, fellow, companion, other, brother, husband, **love**rs, neighbour |
| [H7474](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H7474) | *ra`yah* | rah·yä' | **love**, variant |
| [H8156](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H8156) | *shaca`* | shä·sah' | c**love**nfooted, cleave, rent, cleft, stayed |
| [H8157](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=H8157) | *sheca`* | sheh'·sah | c**love**nfooted, cleave |
| **New Testament (Greek) for** **"love"** | | | |
| [G25](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G25) | *agapaō* | ä-gä-pä'-ō | love, be**love**d |
| [G26](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G26) | *agapē* | ä-gä'-pā | **love**, charity, dear, charitably, feast of charity |
| [G27](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G27) | *agapētos* | ä-gä-pā-to's | beloved, dearly beloved, well be**love**d, dear |
| [G1266](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G1266) | *diamerizō* | dē-ä-me-rē'-zō | part, divide, c**love**n |
| [G4375](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G4375) | *prosphilēs* | pros-fē-lā's | **love**ly |
| [G5207](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G5207) | *huios* | hwē-o's | son(s), Son of Man, Son of God, child(ren), Son, his Son, Son of David, my be**love**d Son, thy Son, only begotten Son, his (David's) son, firstborn son |
| [G5358](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G5358) | *philagathos* | fē-lä'-gä-thos | **love**r of good men |
| [G5360](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G5360) | *philadelphia* | fē-lä-del-fē'-ä | brotherly love, brotherly kindness, **love** of the brethren |
| [G5361](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G5361) | *philadelphos* | fē-lä'-del-fos | **love** as brethren |
| [G5362](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G5362) | *philandros* | fē'-län-dros | **love** their husbands |
| [G5363](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G5363) | *philanthrōpia* | fē-län-thrō-pē'-ä | kindness, **love** toward man |
| [G5365](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G5365) | *philargyria* | fē-lär-gü-rē'-ä | **love** of money |
| [G5367](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G5367) | *philautos* | fē'-lau-tos | **love**r of (one's) own self |
| [G5368](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G5368) | *phileō* | fē-le'-ō | **love**, kiss |
| [G5369](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G5369) | *philēdonos* | fē-lā'-do-nos | **love**r of pleasure |
| [G5377](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G5377) | *philotheos* | fē-lo'-the-os | **love**r of God |
| [G5381](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G5381) | *philoxenia* | fē-lo-kse-nē'-ä | hospitality, **love**r of strangers |
| [G5382](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G5382) | *philoxenos* | fē-lo'-kse-nos | given to hospitality, **love**r of hospitality, use hospitality |
| [G5383](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G5383) | *philoprōteuō* | fē-lo-prō-tyü'-ō | **love** to have the preeminence |
| [G5388](http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G5388) | *philoteknos* | fē-lo'-tek-nos | **love** (one's) children |

You can do it in reverse as well.

Choose something like G26, agape, (love, charity, dear, charitably, feast of charity).

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?strongs=G26>

Pronunciation (Click on the “Play” triangle and listen to it).

The background, Root Word (Etymology) of the word.

From ἀγαπ ω (G25)

Dictionary Aids

•Vine's Expository Dictionary: View Entry

(To purchase a printed copy, $16.98)

<http://www.amazon.com/Vines-Complete-Expository-Dictionary-Testament/dp/0785211608>

Feast: "love," is used in the plural in Jud 1:12, signifying "love feasts," RV (AV, "feasts of charity"); in the corresponding passage, 2Pe 2:13, the most authentic mss. have the word apate, in the plural, "deceivings."

Notes:

(1) In 1Cr 10:27 the verb kaleo, "to call," in the sense of inviting to one's house, is translated "biddeth you (to a feast);" in the most authentic texts there is no separate phrase representing "to a feast," as in some mss., eis deipnon (No. 2).

(2) In Mar 14:2; Jhn 2:23 the AV translates heorte (see No. 1) by "feast day" (RV, "feast").

(3) For the "Feast of the Dedication," Jhn 10:22, see DEDICATION.

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Love (Noun and Verb):

the significance of which has been pointed out in connection with A, No. 1, is always rendered "love" in the RV where the AV has "charity," a rendering nowhere used in the RV; in Rom 14:15, where the AV has "charitably," the RV, adhering to the translation of the noun, has "in love."

Note: In the two statements in 1Jo 4:8, 16, "God is love," both are used to enjoin the exercise of "love" on the part of believers. While the former introduces a declaration of the mode in which God's love has been manifested (1Jo 4:9, 10), the second introduces a statement of the identification of believers with God in character, and the issue at the Judgment Seat hereafter (1Jo 4:17), an identification represented ideally in the sentence "as He is, so are we in this world."

1 Strong's Number: g26 Greek: agape

Love Feasts:

is used in the plural in Jud 1:12, and in some mss. in 2Pe 2:13; RV marg., "many ancient authorities read 'deceivings,'" (apatais); so the AV. These love feasts arose from the common meals of the early churches (cp. 1Cr 11:21). They may have had this origin in the private meals of Jewish households, with the addition of the observance of the Lord's Supper. There were, however, similar common meals among the pagan religious brotherhoods. The evil dealt with at Corinth (l.c.) became enhanced by the presence of immoral persons, who degraded the feasts into wanton banquets, as mentioned in 2 Pet. and Jude. In later times the agape became detached from the Lord's Supper.

•TDNT Reference: 1:21,5

TDNT stands for Theological Dictionary of the New Testament which was edited by Gerhard Kittel and Gerhard Friedrich and translated from the German by Geoffrey W. Bromiley. This 10-volume set is a standard resource for in-depth word studies of every word of theological or religious significance in the Greek New Testament.

See also - <http://www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/greek/>

(Printed version - Theological Dictionary of the New Testament, 10 Volumes

Edited By: Gerhard Kittel, Gerhard Friedrich, Geoffrey W. Bromiley, WM. B. EERDMANS PUBLISHING CO., 1964, $129.99, CBD Price)

[http://www.christianbook.com/theological-dictionary-new-testament-10-volumes/9780802823243/pd/2324?kw=kittel&mt=b&dv=c&event=PPCSRC&p=1018818&gclid=CMHJ0KDWhr4CFeMF7AodwlgArw](http://www.christianbook.com/theological-dictionary-new-testament-10-volumes/9780802823243/pd/2324?kw=kittel&mt=b&dv=c&event=PP)

•Notice on the Right, Search Results by Book.

In this case, 1 John uses this Greek word 14 times. Written by the “Beloved” Disciple.

•Discover just where the word is used in the Bible

Below.

•KJV Translation Count — Total: 116x

The KJV translates Strongs G26 in the following manner: love (86x), charity (27x), dear (1x), charitably (with G2596) (1x), feast of charity (1x).

This is VERY important.

You can find exactly where this Greek word was used and how it was used being translated into other English words.

Example:

The one time “ feast of charity” was used for Agape. In Jude 1:12.

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/search.cfm?Criteria=feast+of+charity%2A+G26&t=KJV#s=s_primary_0_1>

•New Testament Greek Lexicon

The New Testament Greek lexicon based on Thayer's and Smith's Bible Dictionary plus others; this is keyed to the large Kittel and the "Theological Dictionary of the New Testament." Also included are pronunciations of each word with alternate pronunciations if available.

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/greek/>

<http://www.studylight.org/lexicons/greek/>

If you can read Greek and/or know the Greek word, on the right, choose the Greek letter.

α β γ δ ε ζ η θ ι κ λ μ

ν ξ ο π ρ σ τ υ φ χ ψ ω (Alpha to Omega)

Click on the first one - α

<http://www.studylight.org/lexicons/greek/gwbrowse.cgi?pn=1&l=945>

Choose the 18th item - Agathos

KJV: well, good, good thing, the thing which is good + (3588), benefit, that which is good + (3588)

NAS: good things, goodness, goods, good man, kindness, kind, good, generous, good thing, kindly

agathós ag-ath-os'

<http://www.studylight.org/lexicons/greek/gwview.cgi?n=18>

Notice:

•How often does it occur?

•In which books is it found?

•In which book is it used most?

•Where does the word first appear?

•Where does it first appear in the book you are studying?

•Which writers used the word?

•Find the origin and root meaning of the word, how the word was used by the secular culture of the day

•Determine how the word was used in the Bible and how it would have been understood in the culture to which the Bible was originally addressed

•Write an application

•A Suggested List of Key Words for the Word Study Method of Bible Study

Adoption, Atonement, Believe, Bless, Chasten, Death, Disciple, Fear, Fellowship, Grace, Holy, Judgment, Know, Light, Love, Manifest, Marriage, Mercy , Minister, Name, Obey, Passover, Peace, Perfect, Perish, Preach, Redeem, Repent, Resurrection, Sabbath, Sacrifice, Saint, Sanctify, Servant, Sin, Soul, Spirit, Temptation, Understand, Vain, Vision, Watch, Worship.

**Resources for The Word Study Method of Bible Study**

• Biblical Greek, Dr. William Mounce

<http://www.biblicaltraining.org/biblical-greek/william-mounce>

• Hebrews, Dr. George Guthrie

<http://www.biblicaltraining.org/hebrews/george-guthrie>

Let’s Share:

•From Previous Word Studies, What Could You Share?

•What ONE resource stands out and why?

•Resources NOT mentioned?

•Nuggets - What will you hold on to? What will you pass on? What spoke to you and why? What will you use NOW?

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Method Eight - The Book Background Method of Bible Study

•Start By choosing a Book out of the Bible.

Discover what you can

•Who Wrote the Book?

Example: (Different Resources)

Book of Matthew

<http://www.biblegateway.com/resources/dictionaries/dict_meaning.php?source=1&wid=T0002443>

Book of Mark

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/study/intros/mark.cfm>

Book of Luke

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/luke/>

Book of John

<http://www.theopedia.com/Gospel_of_John>

This is important because if Matthew is Jewish and writing to a Jewish audience, it may explain why he mentions things that Mark didn’t mention concerning divorce. (Matthew 5, Matthew 19, as compared to Mark 10.)

•What Is the Date of the Book?

When were the Bible books written?

<http://www.gty.org/resources/questions/QA176/when-were-the-bible-books-written>

(Look this resource over and notice items that stand out: Old Testament - Job--Unknown and First, New Testament - James--A.D. 44-49 written first, Galatians--A.D. 49-50 next, then Matthew--A.D. 50-60 or Mark--A.D. 50-60.)

•Where Was the Book Written?

•For Whom Was the Book Written?

•Why Was the Book Written

For the Gospel of John, it is also clear that the Gospel was written for people who do not yet believe, for that is clearly stated in the author's purpose statement: "But these are written that you may believe [the best manuscripts imply ‘come to believe'] that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). These people are probably not Jews, for otherwise he would not have presented "the Jews" in such a negative light. What John appears to be doing is telling his Gentile readers that none of their former ways to life will do. Jesus is the only way.

•How does the book fit into the Bible overall ;in addition, what light can be shed on the study when the book is evaluated in the following contexts:

- Geographical setting

- Historical events, prior, occurring, or expected

- Culture of the day

- Political situation

- Anticipation of coming events or personage(s)

•Summarize Your Research

•Write out Your Personal Application

**Resources for The Book Background Method of Bible Study**

•Bible Dictionary

- Easton's Bible Dictionary

[http://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionaries/eastons-bible-dictionary/](http://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionaries/eastons-bible-dictionary/%20)

To purchase a printed copy, $44.04

<http://www.amazon.com/Illustrated-Bible-Dictionary-M-G-Easton/dp/1596059478/ref=sr_1_11_title_1_har?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1399087869&sr=1-11&keywords=-+Easton%27s+Bible+Dictionary>

•Bible Encyclopedia

- Condensed Biblical Encyclopedia

This encyclopedia, written in 1896 by Ashley S. Johnson, founder of Johnson Bible College, was and is designed for busy people who wish to increase their knowledge of the oracles of God.

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/encyclopedias/condensed-biblical-encyclopedia/> You may download a PDF version (243 Pages)

<http://icotb.org/resources/Encyclopedia.pdf>

- The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia (714 Pages)

[www.christianresearcher.com/uploads/1/6/2/9/16298120/isbevol1.pdf](http://www.christianresearcher.com/uploads/1/6/2/9/16298120/isbevol1.pdf)

- International Standard Bible Encyclopedia

An exhaustive Biblical encyclopedia that details every significant word in the Bible. Contains articles by nearly 200 scholars about every aspect of the culture, language, people, and literature of the Bible.

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/encyclopedias/isbe/>

**Bible Handbook**s

- Haskell’s Handbook (98 Pages)

<http://dewsberry.com/content/es/content/snhaskell/biblehandbook.pdf>

- The New Unger’s Bible Dictionary (1,858 Pages)

<http://ixoyc.net/data/Fathers/160.pdf>

- A Bible Handbook (74 Pages)

[http://www.whataboutjesus.com/sites/whataboutjesus.com/files/BibleHandbook\_english\_web.pdf](http://www.whataboutjesus.com/sites/whataboutjesus.com/files/BibleHandbook_english_web.pdf%20)

**Bible Atlas**

- Smith Bible Atlas

<http://www.biblesnet.com/BibleAtlas.zip>

- Bible Maps

<http://www.biblesnet.com/map2z.zip>

- Bible Times Maps

<http://www.biblesnet.com/Bibleinpics.zip>

- Bible in Pictures

<http://www.biblesnet.com/Bibleinpics.zip>

- Bible Illustration

<http://www.biblesnet.com/bibleillustrations.zip>

- The Bible Atlas by Access Foundation - (199 Pages)

<http://www.holyhome.nl/bible-atlas.pdf>

<http://www.ultimatebiblereferencelibrary.com/001_The_Bible_Atlas.pdf>

<http://holybooks.lichtenbergpress.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/The-Bible-Atlas.pdf>

- The Moody Atlas of the Bible by Barry J. Beitzel (38 Pages)

<http://www.cartogis.org/images/winners/moody.pdf>

- The Land and the Bible (189 Pages)

<http://www.bibleplaces.com/atlas/The%20Land%20and%20the%20Bible.pdf>

- Oxford Bible Atlas - from Sent2all.com (240 Pages)

<http://www.sent2all.com/Oxford%20Bible%20Atlas.pdf>

**Manners and Customs of the Bible**

- Manners and Customs.pdf - Online Christian Library (401 Pages)

<http://www.ntslibrary.com/PDF%20Books%20II/Manners%20and%20Customs.pdf> - - See Washing The Feet, page 96.

- Manners And Customs of Bible Lands by Fred H. Wight 1953

<http://www.baptistbiblebelievers.com/OTStudies/MannersandCustomsInBibleLands1953.aspx>

- Text Version of Bible Manners and Customs by James M. Freeman,

<http://archive.org/stream/handbookofbiblem00freeuoft/handbookofbiblem00freeuoft_djvu.txt>

The use of various tools will allow you to experience the environment of the Biblical cultures.

•A Survey of the Entire Bible

<http://www.biblebelievers.com/Bible_Survey.html>

• Bible Questions

<http://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-summary.html>

• Synopsis to the Books of the Bible - John Nelson Darby - 1800-1882

<http://www.ccel.org/ccel/darby/synopsis/files/synopsis.html>

•(Courses) Old Testament Survey, Dr. Douglas Stuart

<http://www.biblicaltraining.org/old-testament-theology/paul-house>

• (Courses) New Testament Survey: The Gospels, Dr. Robert Stein

[http://www.biblicaltraining.org/new-testament-survey-1/robert-stein](http://www.biblicaltraining.org/new-testament-survey-1/robert-stein%20)

• (Courses) New Testament Survey: Acts – Revelation, Dr. Robert Stein

<http://www.biblicaltraining.org/new-testament-survey-2/robert-stein>

• (Courses) Introduction to the New Testament: The Gospels and Acts, Dr. Craig Blomberg

<http://www.biblicaltraining.org/introduction-new-testament-1/craig-blomberg>

• (Courses) Introduction to the New Testament: Romans – Revelation, Dr. Craig Blomberg

<http://www.biblicaltraining.org/introduction-new-testament-2/craig-blomberg>

• (Courses) New Testament Survey: Acts – Revelation, Dr. Tom Schreiner

<http://www.biblicaltraining.org/new-testament-survey-acts-revelation/thomas-schreiner>

• (Courses) Biblical Hermeneutics, Dr. Robert Stein

<http://www.biblicaltraining.org/biblical-hermeneutics/robert-stein>

• (Courses) Biblical Greek, Dr. William Mounce

<http://www.biblicaltraining.org/biblical-greek/william-mounce>

• (Courses) Hebrews, Dr. George Guthrie

<http://www.biblicaltraining.org/hebrews/george-guthrie>

For more...

<http://www.biblicaltraining.org/classes/biblicaltraininginstitute>

Let’s Share:

•From Previous Word Studies, What Could You Share?

•What ONE resource stands out and why?

•Resources NOT mentioned?

•Nuggets - What will you hold on to? What will you pass on? What spoke to you and why? What will you use NOW?

09 - The Book Survey Method of Bible Study

Method Nine - The Book Survey Method of Bible Study

The Book Survey Method of Bible study is an extremely comprehensive view of each book of the Bible. You are looking for the overall message of the book. Again, remembering to whom it was written, why it was written, what’s the main thought or purpose of the book. (Adapted from 12MBS.)

As an example, the book of Hebrews.

Though many attribute the book of Hebrews to the Apostle Paul, it is not clearly known who wrote the book. It was written to the “Hebrews.” To people who were thinking of returning to Judaism. The key word, “Better.” Christ is “Better” than the Law.

This changes our understanding of perplexing verses such as:

*Hebrews 6:4 (KJV) For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, 5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.*

Some have taught, if we backslide, we can not be forgiven.

If you read it in context, addressing people who thought of returning to Judaism and sacrificing for their sins, the meaning, “It is impossible for these sacrifices to cleans.”

*Hebrews 10:26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,*

Some have taught willful sin can not be forgiven.

If you read it in context, addressing people who thought of returning to Judaism and sacrificing for their sins, the meaning, “Nothing but Christ will do!”

Survey - Method 9 - Book Survey Method - in which you will obtain a detailed overview of a particular book of the Bible

Analysis - Method 10 - Chapter Analysis Method -in which you will study everything in each chapter in great detail

Synthesis - Method 11 - Book Synthesis Method -in which you will take what you learned in the previous two study stages and put it all back together, drawing conclusions as you go and gaining an appreciation of the whole of the book.

The basic goal of the Book Survey Method of Bible study is to gain a detailed understanding as to why the book was written, its context, its theme, its structure, and its content.

**Resources for The Book Survey Method of Bible Study**

•Bible and Several Additional Modern Translations (See Earlier Links)

•Bible Dictionary And/or Bible Encyclopedia (See Earlier Links)

•Bible Handbook, Such as Unger's or Halley's (See Earlier Links)

•A Guide to Bible Study

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/resources/guide-to-bible-study/>

•Old Testament Surveys

- Old Testament Survey - Genesis - Malachi - Dr. Bob Utley (305 Pages)

<http://www.ibiblio.org/freebiblecommentary/pdf/EN/OTSURVEY.pdf>

- Old Testament Survey I - Genesis to Judges (16 Pages)

<http://www.ntslibrary.com/PDF%20Books/OT%20Survey%201.pdf>

- Old Testament Survey II - Kings & Prophets (17 Pages)

<http://www.ntslibrary.com/PDF%20Books/OT%20Survey%202.pdf>

- Old Testament Survey III - Exile & Return - The Inter-Testamental Period (15 Pages)

<http://www.ntslibrary.com/PDF%20Books/OT%20Survey%203.pdf>

- Old Testament Survey - Grace Intl (105 Pages)

<http://www.grace-international.tv/content/files/docs/video_course_syllabi/Old%20Testament%20Survey.pdf>

- Old Testament Survey - PowerPoints

<http://biblestudydownloads.com/OT_Survey/OT_Survey.html>

- Concise Old Testament Survey

<https://bible.org/series/concise-old-testament-survey>

- Concise Old Testament Survey by J. Hampton Keathley III (105 Pages)

[http://www.tbcokc.org/locker/othistorybooks/OTSurvey-Keathley.pdf](http://www.tbcokc.org/locker/othistorybooks/OTSurvey-Keathley.pdf%20)

- Old Testament Survey - Syllabus by Mark Berrier (91 Pages)

<http://www.dallas.edu/Academics/Printouts/BIBL%201332%20Old%20Testament%20Survey%20Syllabus.pdf>

This would be GREAT for questions in your study. The syllabus is guiding you.

•New Testament Surveys

- New Testament Survey - NTSLibrary (40 Pages)

<http://www.ntslibrary.com/PDF%20Books/New%20Testament%20Survey.pdf>

- New Testament Survey - Mat - Rev by Dr. Bob Utley (229 Pages)

<http://www.ibiblio.org/freebiblecommentary/pdf/EN/NTSURVEY.pdf>

<https://ia600307.us.archive.org/17/items/NewTestamentSurvey/NTSURVEY.pdf>

<https://archive.org/details/NewTestamentSurvey>

- Basic Bible Survey - New Testament (223 Pages)

<http://www.harvestime.org/EnglishCourses/Basic%20Bible%20Survey%20New%20Testament.pdf>

- New Testament Survey by Gary Stanley - Syllabus (128 Pages)

<http://ibs.cru.org/files/2313/6845/2871/ClassNotesGaryStanley.pdf>

Notice the different book dating, page 20.

Again, looking at his questions may help “drive” this Bible Study style.

See page 65, the personality of Paul. (Very Good.)

- New Testament Survey by James L. R. Catron (15 Pages)

<https://www.ecsministries.org/files/English%20Courses/Bible%20Survey/New%20Testament%20Survey%20PDF.pdf>

This includes and exam that may “drive” you.

- Lectures for New Testament Survey 1 (NTS 101) (15 Pages)

<http://www.dennyburk.com/Criswell/NTS-101/ClassLectures.PDF>

- Christ for the Nations - New Testament Survey (71 Pages)

<https://www.grace-international.tv/content/files/docs/video_course_syllabi/New%20Testament%20Survey.pdf>

•Old & New Testament Surveys Links

<http://www.ntslibrary.com/bible-surveys-PDF-books.htm>

Hints (Adapted from 12MBS.)

•If you have already done a Book Background Bible study on the book you may wish to refer to it for background information useful to you in this study

•Start with a small book. (Larger books may be discouraging.)

•Read the book several times in one sitting.

•Read through the book in a recent translation.

•Read through the book noticing the paragraphs (not so much the chapter and verse divisions). This is how it was written.

•Read again, note what you may have missed.

•Read through the book without referring to any external notes of any kind.

Example: Luke 10:25-37 - What is the story?

Exegesis vs Eisegesis (Exegesis = Read OUT e.g. Exodus. Eisegesis = Read IN)

•Read prayerfully. God, please speak. Receive the lessons learned.

Psalm 119:18 (NASB) Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Your law.

•Read through the book with what works best for you (computer, pen, pencil, YOUR notes, observations) each time (second or third) time through.

•Note the genres: Historic, poetic, prophetic, law, biographic, correspondence, narrative, etc.

•What do you think was the purpose of the author?

•What words does the author use frequently? What words does the author consider important or significant?

•Is there a key verse to the book or a key statement?

•What do you believe to be the main theme(s) of the book.

•Is there a major thrust to the book?

•How do people fit into the book? Are there central characters and if so what part(s) do they play in the book?

•Do a background study of the book. In this step you will essentially be following the outline given in the Book Background Method of Bible study.

Make a horizontal chart of the book's contents. A horizontal chart is a pictorial representation of the book on one or two sheets of paper and which allows you to visually grasp the general details of the book. Follow these steps to make a horizontal chart:

Example:

New Testament Survey by Gary Stanley - Syllabus (128 Pages) p113.

•On a single sheet of paper, or at the most two, make as many vertical columns as there are chapters in the book you are studying.

Example:

New Testament Survey by Gary Stanley - Syllabus (128 Pages) p118.

•Re-read the book and note the major divisions, usually similar to the chapter divisions though not always, and make headings relating to these divisions in as few words as possible. (12MBS)

•Read through the book again, yes this will be the fifth time you read the book, and think of a short title for each chapter and record them just below the divisions of the previous step, above each of the columns. Some characteristics of good titles are that they are:

- short, usually one to four words

- picturesque, helping you visualize the chapter contents

- from the text if possible

- unique and not used as chapter titles of earlier studies

- able to show where in the book the chapter falls (12MBS)

•Read through the book again and create a series of titles for the paragraphs

•Make a preliminary outline of the book from all that you have done before. You are concentrating on the major points of the book as later you will be using the Book Synthesis Method in which you will make a detailed outline of the book. Some helpful points:

- Make an preliminary outline of the book, concentrating on the major points.

- Have your outline organized in sequence of descending importance. List major points first followed by the minor points.

- Use paragraphs will help with the outline as they are generally grouped around major ideas.

- Compare your outline to those done by others to see where they differ and where they are similar.

•Write out a personal application and remember to return periodically to this step so that you can evaluate your progress. (12MBS)

•The Bible Book By Book by Josiah Blake Tidwell (pdf)

<http://www.biblesnet.com/Josiah%20Blake%20Tidwell%20The%20Bible%20Book%20by%20Book.pdf>

•Bible Outline: a Summary of each Book of the Bible

<http://www.easyenglish.info/bible-outline/>

Let’s Share: •What is your favorite book (of the Bible) and why?

•Do you recall any sermons or lessons on one particular book and what may have stood out? •What ONE resource stands out and why?

•Resources NOT mentioned?

•Nuggets - What will you hold on to? What will you pass on? What spoke to you and why? What will you use NOW?

10 - The Chapter Analysis Method of Bible Study

Method Ten - The Chapter Analysis Method of Bible Study

As stated earlier, in the Chapter Analysis Method, you will study everything in each chapter in great detail

Up to this point, you have the overall picture of the book. You have an idea as to what, why, who, to whom, etc. Now you will examine each paragraph, sentence, and word in a detailed and systematic manner.

Resources for The Chapter Analysis Method of Bible Study

Your Tools will be:

•Bible and Several Additional Modern Translations (See Earlier Links)

•Bible Dictionary And/or Bible Encyclopedia (See Earlier Links)

•Bible Handbook, Such as Unger's or Halley's (See Earlier Links)

•Old and New Testament Surveys (See Earlier Links)

Steps

•Create a chapter summary. First read the chapter several times over, making some general observations on the chapter as a whole. Once you have completed this process describe the content of the chapter, summarizing it in one of the following ways: (12MBS)

- Paraphrase the chapter, rephrasing it in your own words in such a way that you could read it to another person in a way that they would understand.

- Outline the chapter, following the internal paragraph divisions of the chapter. Give each paragraph a heading and place the subpoints of the paragraph beneath.

- Rewrite the chapter leaving out all modifying clauses and phrases. You would write out the chapter using just the subjects, verbs, and objects.

Step 2

- Note your observations and insights. Look at every detail of the chapter, examining each sentence and word, and writing down everything you see. Refer to the section on the OICA approach to Bible study involving observation for some assistance in this step. On the following page you will also find a list of things to look for in a Bible passage. (12MBS)

Step 3

- Ask detailed questions of the chapter. Write upon the form each question you ask even if you cannot find an answer for it now. The time may come when you do find an answer to the question in another study and be able then to place it here as well. Be sure to note any difficulties you have with the passage so that you can research them in the future. Refer to the list below to help you find answers to your questions: (12MBS)

- Observe the context of the passage, refer to step two of the Book Survey Method of Bible study for assistance here.

- Define the words and phrases used so that you have the correct meaning of the structural components of the passage.

- The structure and grammar of a passage is of benefit to help you to understand the flow of ideas and concepts within the passage so that you can see them in relation to each other.

- Use other translations to see if their use of English is more understandable.

- Try to view the passage against its background (historic, cultural, geographic, economic, social, current events, etc.). Use your Bible dictionary or encyclopedia to obtain this information.

- See what other passages in the Bible say about the concepts covered within this chapter. This is actually done more thoroughly in step four.

- If all other means have failed refer to a commentary and compare your interpretation of the passage with that of the commentator.

Step 4 - Correlate your chapter with other Bible passages.

Step 5 - Make a list of some possible applications. You will not be attempting to apply all that you write here, you are making a list for future reference and from which, in step seven, you will choose one application to work into your life.

Step 6 - Formulate and make note of some conclusions. After reviewing the first five steps of this study write down your conclusions on the chapter. You may discover additional information during this step which you should also note.

Step 7 - Write out one application from the list you compiled in step five. Be sure that it is practical and that it is applicable to your life. Remember to return to your written application in the near future so that you can evaluate your progress.

What to Look for in a Chapter Analysis Study

Listed here in brief form are items to look for in your observation part of the Chapter Analysis Method of Bible study:

•Ask the six vital observation questions: What? Who? Where? When? Why? How? • Look for key words. •Look for repeated words and phrases. • Look for questions being asked. •Look for answers being given. •Look for commands. •Look for warnings. •Look for comparisons - things that are alike. •Look for contrasts - things that are different. •Look for illustrations. •Look for causes and effects and reasons for doing things. •Look for promises and their conditions for fulfillment. •Look for progression from the general to the specific.•Look for progression from the specific to the general. •Look for steps of progression in a narrative or biography. •Look for lists of things. •Look for results. •Look for advice, admonitions, and attitudes. •Look for the tone of the passage - emotional atmosphere. •Look for connectives, articles, and prepositions. •Look for explanations. •Look for Old Testament quotes in the New Testament. (The most quoted OT verse in the NT - Psalm 110:1.) •Look for the literary form. •Look for paradoxes. • Look for emphasis through the use of space - proportion. • Look for planned exaggerations or hyperboles. • Look at the grammatical construction of each sentence. • Look for the use of the current events of the times. • Look for the force of the verbs.

• Chart for the Chapter Analysis Method of Bible study

<http://helpmewithbiblestudy.org/5Bible/HermChartChapterAnalysis.aspx>

Let’s Share:

•Did you have any new observations from this book of the Bible? What, if so?

•What ONE resource stands out and why?

•Resources NOT mentioned?

•Nuggets - What will you hold on to? What will you pass on? What spoke to you and why? What will you use NOW?

11 - The Book Synthesis Method of Bible Study

Method Eleven - The Book Synthesis Method of Bible Study

As state earlier, the Book Synthesis Method takes what you learned in the previous two study stages and put it all back together, drawing conclusions as you go and gaining an appreciation of the whole of the book.

In the Book Synthesis Method of Bible study we will summarize and condense the lessons learned previously. The word synthesis indicates the putting together of the discrete items that together compose a whole; thus in the Book Synthesis Method of Bible study we will put back together the details we extracted from the book through our previous two studies. (12MBS)

**Resources for The Book Synthesis Method of Bible Study**

Your Tools will be:

•Bible and Several Additional Modern Translations (See Earlier Links)

•Bible Dictionary And/or Bible Encyclopedia (See Earlier Links)

•Bible Handbook, Such as Unger's or Halley's (See Earlier Links)

•Old and New Testament Surveys (See Earlier Links)

Hints - Have the results of both your Book Survey Method and your Chapter Analysis Method available and complete, you will need to refer to them frequently during this study. Step (12MBS)

Step 1 - Reread the book several times in the same manner as you did in the Book Survey method

Step 2 - Write out a detailed, final, outline using the preliminary outline from your Book Survey and the passage summaries from your Chapter Analysis. These, when coupled with your current readings, will allow you to put this outline in its final form.

Step 3 - Write down a descriptive book title using the same methods by which you gave titles to each section in your Chapter Analysis. The title should be original and define the contents of the book in as few words as possible.

Step 4 - Make a summary of your insights. You will here summarize the major and minor themes as well as the conclusions of the book as you discovered them in the previous two studies. Avoid commentaries for the moment as you are attempting to arrive at your own understanding of the Bible. Feel free to add new ideas you have discovered during the readings in step one.

Step 5 - Write out a personal application. Review all applications listed in your Book Survey and Chapter Analysis studies, noting any which you have not yet completed and making definite plans to complete them in the near future if not immediately. If all are complete select other potential applications and make plans to implement these in your life as soon as possible.

Step 6 - Share the results of your study with other. The Christian faith is unique in that each of us is individually saved through Christ Jesus, yet our carrying out of that faith is best done in a community of believers. Time and again we as Christians are referred to in the New Testament as the Body of Christ and we are encouraged to build each other up in the faith:

Let’s Share: •Any new insights or observations from this book of the Bible? What, if so? •What ONE resource stands out and why? •Resources NOT mentioned? •Nuggets - What will you hold on to? What will you pass on? What spoke to you and why? What will you use NOW?

12 - The Verse by Verse Method of Bible Study

Method Twelve - The Verse by Verse Method of Bible Study

In the Verse by Verse Method of Bible study you will select a passage of the Bible and examine it in great detail, asking questions of it, finding cross references to it, and paraphrasing each verse within it. The Verse by Verse Bible study concludes with your obtaining a practical, personal application for each verse in the study. (12MBS)

Your Tools will be:

•Bible and Several Additional Modern Translations (See Earlier Links)

•Bible Dictionary And/or Bible Encyclopedia (See Earlier Links)

•Exhaustive Concordance - You can use MANY online versions

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/>

•Strong’s Concordance - Free

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/concordances/strongs-exhaustive-concordance/>

Steps

•Read each verse in different versions.

•Reword, what is it saying to you? You are attempting to put the passage into your own words, not into the words of another person.

•List any questions you have on any verse in your study.

•Make note of any answers you are able to find.

•Use Q & A for your Questions and Answers.

•Find some cross references for each verse, trying for at least one for each verse, and indicate if the reference is for a specific word, phrase, or concept within that verse.

Again, Cross-Reference (Treasury of Scripture Knowledge, BlueLetterBible.org)

<http://www.blueletterbible.org/Bible.cfm?b=Jhn&c=3&t=KJV#s=t_corr_1000016>

•Write what the verse is saying to you. (What to do, what not to do, etc.)

**Resources for The Verse by Verse Method of Bible Study**

•Matthew Henry's Complete Commentary

<http://www.biblesnet.com/matthew_henry.zip>

•Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary

<http://www.biblesnet.com/matthew_henry_concise_comentary.pdf>

•Jamieson Fausset Brown Commentary (zip)

<http://www.biblesnet.com/jfb_commentary.zip>

•Jamieson Fausset Brown Commentary (very large pdf files)

<http://www.biblesnet.com/jfb_commentary/JFB00.htm>

•Textual sermons grouped by books of the Bible (717 outlines)

<http://executableoutlines.com/textserm.htm>

•Hint: Save them as a PDF.

•Single Textual Sermons

- Sermons on miscellaneous Bible texts (70 outlines)

<http://executableoutlines.com/textmisc.htm>

•Hint: Save them as a PDF.

**Learn How to Memorize Scripture**

•How to Memorize Scripture by Matt Slick

<http://carm.org/how-to-memorize-scripture>

•Ten Tips for Memorizing Bible Verses

<http://www.biblegateway.com/blog/2013/03/ten-tips-for-memorizing-bible-verses/>

•32 Ways to Memorize Scripture

<http://pastormark.tv/2012/12/31/32-ways-to-memorize-scripture>

•How to Memorize Scripture

<http://www.memoryverses.org/how1.htm>

•Scripture Memorization Program from Jack Van Impe

<http://www.jvim.com/>

Let’s Share:

•What are some of your favorite verses?

•Create a short list of memory verses.

•What ONE resource stands out and why?

•Resources NOT mentioned?

•Nuggets - What will you hold on to? What will you pass on? What spoke to you and why? What will you use NOW?

For more, visit <http://hecardin.com/ministryhelps/>

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