

The Believer's Study Guide

20 Tips for Studying the Bible

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Calling All Disciples

The Bible declares in 2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV),

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

In the times that we are living in, **there is a mandate** on the believers of God to study the word of God. To study God's word is more than just reading it and checking it off of a to-do list. Studying the word of God requires the elements of focus, patience, discernment, and yielding to the Holy Spirit. **The only way to get revelation of God's word is by way of Holy Spirit revealing it to you.**

Many believers are walking around with no power. They are living boring, "safe", defeated lives; lives empty of the **dumanis power** of the Holy Ghost. I don't desire that to be you or I, so I've created these 20 tips to help you study the Bible so that it can be more real and relevant to you. When something applies to our lives, we are more apt to tune in and take it seriously.

Knowing God's Word gives you advantage over the enemy! When you know who you are, you know who and what you are not! When you know God's Word, you're able to recognize His voice. When you recognize His voice, you can live from a place of victory and not defeat or deception. Studying the Word of God is the most crucial key to knowing **God's perfect will** for your life. Don't you want what He wants for you?

It's time to get into His Word and know it for yourself!

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Focus & steady your mind

- when you're reading, only think about what you're reading
- remove any distraction(s)
- do not multitask

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Review what you previously read

- write a summary of what you understood from the reading
- write out/ask questions about what you still don't understand

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Consider how this might apply to your life

Ask Yourself:

- have I personally experienced this before?
- do I know someone who has experienced this?
- how did not knowing this affect things in my life?
- how might knowing this change things for me?

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Read several different versions/translations

- different translations and versions highlight different things and may make more sense or less sense to you based on the language used
- compare what differences they have

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Research to gain a better understanding

Here are some Resources:

- Google is your friend...as a starting point
- Greek | Hebrew Key Word Study Bible
- Blue Letter Bible website and mobile app
- Concordance
- Bible Dictionary

Cross-reference scriptures to see the origins and manifestation of prophesy

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Converse with another disciple of the Word

- someone who has Bible knowledge
- someone trusted and who believes what you believe
- someone like-minded and of kindred spirit

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Make it relevant

- how does this apply in today's culture, generation, society?
- make the connections

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Read slowly

- read line by line. This helps you digest what you're reading and better comprehend.
- studying is not a race; it's practice. Practice is the perfecting of a skill or habit.

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One thing at a time

- create a theme/topic to focus on. This will help you make relevant connections and remember what you've read.
- focusing on too many things may cause you to cram - and remember - this is practice. You can't cram practice.

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Create an atmosphere

- the atmosphere you set will contribute to what you retain
- figure out what's necessary for you to study/focus best
- set the atmosphere and protect the atmosphere

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Pick your time

- study at the time of day in which you have the most clarity, mental capacity, and ability to focus

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Remove personal judgement

- studying is all about the process, taking in new information, doing something different and something new
- the point is to learn, not to come already knowing
- be gentle with yourself. Be self-kind.

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Take Notes

- take notes in a way that when you read them, you'll understand what you meant
- try not to write too fast so that when you review your notes, you know what you actually said
- take notes in the bible, notebooks, sticky notes, your phone, tablets - whatever works for you and will help you retain

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Stay curious

- never assume you've gotten all that you can out of scripture. It's alive, so allow yourself to keep getting fed by it.

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Pray about what you've read

- take your understanding and application of what you've read to God in prayer
- pray the scripture back to God
- pray it over other people
- invite Holy Spirit to speak to you and give your revelation

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Share your revelation

- we overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. Your revelation is now a part of your testimony.
- someone has been wanting to receive from you in the way that you present information and the way that Holy Spirit has helped you understand
- the greatest way to know if you understand is to teach it to someone else

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Use other resources

- with the Bible as your main source, find other resources to enhance your study
 - Books
 - Blogs
 - Sermons
 - Songs
 - Etc...

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Be Consistent

- study often! It's like building a muscle; it's got to be worked out.
- Remember, this is practice! The game is when it's time to use the scripture in real life situations

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Have fun

- reading the word of God does not have to be boring
- read different characters in different voices
- put it to music, a soundtrack, a beat
- make a poem or parable out of it
- make it relevant to how you take in information

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Be yourself

- know that you don't have to:
 - learn like,
 - receive like,
 - or study like anyone else in order for you to get it.
- God designed you specifically how you are, so embrace where you are and commit to growing with God over time.



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