

What Do You See?

Have you ever sat through a sermon and heard someone explain a text and wondered, "How does he see all those things in that passage?" You've read that passage many times but have never seen what was revealed to you in that sermon. "Why can't I see things like he does?"

Mt 12:3 "But He said to them, 'Have you not read what David did, when he became hungry, he and his companions"

Mt 19:4 "And He answered and said, 'Have you not read, that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female"

Mt 22:31 "But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken to you by God saying"

You are not the only one who has struggled with this. Multiple times, Jesus asked the question to scribes, Pharisees and lawyers, "Have you never read?" As one reads, he must observe and reflect upon the text says. Often, it's the little things, the details that we miss.

- Proverbs 2:4 "If you will seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures."

Steps to Reading God's Word

- # 1 Read t_____ and thoughtfully
- # 2 Read it r_____
 - consider different translations
 - consider reading aloud (1 Tim 4:13; Rev 1:3)
- # 3 Read with open _____ and an open _____
- # 4 Read looking for _____
- # 5 Read _____
- # 6 Read _____
- # 7 Allow what you read to _____
- # 8 Read _____
- # 9 Read _____
- # 10 Read with the intention and _____

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A. It is not uncommon for someone to say, "I'm not sure what I am supposed to look for?"

1. Look for things that are e_____

Look for things that take up a large portion of space
Look for stated purposes (Jn 20:30-31)
Look for order (Mk 3:16)
Look for movement (Acts 8:4 & 11:19)

2. Look for things that are r_____

Look for patterns (Mt 12:39-40)
Look for terms and phrases that are repeated (Heb 11—"by faith")
Look for incidents and circumstances (the cycle in Judges: Judges 2:11-19)
Look for Old Testament in the New Testament

3. Look for things that are r_____

Look for questions and then the answers given to those questions
Look for cause and effect (2 Kings 20:1-5)
Look for movement from general to specific (Mt 6:1,2,5,16)

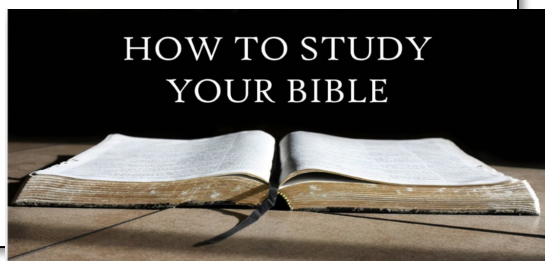
4. Look for things that are a_____ and u_____

Look for similes (1 Pet 2:2)
Look for metaphors (Jn 15:1)
Look for the word "but"(2 Tim 3:10)

5. Look for _____ in that passage

Look for what they must have experienced
Look for what options they had
Look for what you see to other Bible passages

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Joshua 1:1-9 “Now it came about after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, that the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ servant, saying, ² “Moses My servant is dead; so now arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel. ³ Every place on which the sole of your foot steps, I have given it to you, just as I spoke to Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon, even as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun will be your territory. ⁵ No one will be able to oppose you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you; I will not desert you nor abandon you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the Law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may achieve success wherever you go. ⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will achieve success. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be terrified nor dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

A Test Run: To See With Our Eyes

1. This is the beginning of the book of Joshua. What’s the first word?
 - What is that supposed to mean?
2. Notice the change in tense from “I am giving” (2) to “I have given” (3). What’s that about?
3. What is the significance of “Moses the servant of the LORD, that the LORD spoke to Joshua” (1)
4. How many times does the name “Moses” appear in these verses?
 - What is significant about that?
5. The expression, “Be strong and courageous” is found three times in these verses. Underline them.
 - Why do you think that is repeated?
6. What promise does God make to Joshua?
7. What locations are listed in this text? What waters?
 - Look those up on a Bible map. What do you see?
8. Who does the majority of speaking in this text?
9. What place does the Law have here and what was to be done with the Law?
10. How did Moses die?
11. How do you think Joshua would have felt hearing these words?
 - Why might Joshua be terrified?

Memory Verse:

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;¹⁷ that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. “