

# Getting Started

"Let's study the Bible!" That's a great idea. But where do we begin? This lesson will take us through some preliminary steps necessary to begin studying your Bible.

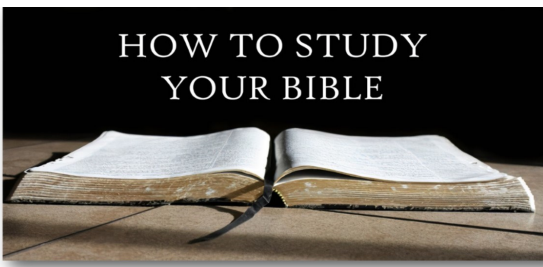
## The Book Itself

1. Get a translation that you are comfortable with and is accurate
2. Get a Bible that has "\_\_\_\_\_ appeal" - the print and the pages are readable and you can take notes in
3. Make it "\_\_\_\_\_ friendly" This is your "go-to" Bible...make it that way.
4. Spend some time and get a good feel and become comfortable with your Bible.



- B.** \_\_\_\_\_ What does it mean?
- bombard the passage with questions and find the answers
  - understand what words mean and how God uses those words
  - cross check passages with other reliable translations
  - keep the Big picture before you and use what you have already learned. God does not contradict Himself.
- C.** \_\_\_\_\_ What do I do with it?
- Read the text in it's context
  - Let the text tell you

## HOW TO STUDY YOUR BIBLE



There are Three Steps To The Process of Studying the Bible:

- A.** \_\_\_\_\_: What do you see?
- like an investigator, you are gathering information. You are looking at details.

Key Words  
Repeated Words  
Word Order  
Notice questions  
Consider the literary form  
Quotations from other passages  
Look at the atmosphere of a passage  
See who is speaking



## Two Dangers To Avoid

1. Avoid jumping quickly from reading to \_\_\_\_\_
  - It is easy to read the Bible out of our own situations and what we want it to say
  - It is easy to read the Bible with "American Eyes."
  - Our understanding becomes colored by our presuppositions
2. Avoid reading parts without considering the \_\_\_\_\_



### THE HABIT OF BIBLE STUDY BEGINS WITH:

1. R \_\_\_\_\_ reading the Bible
  - find a time that works best for you
  - create an atmosphere of "studying"
  - always bring a pen to your study
2. R \_\_\_\_\_ Lowering the Nets
  - commitment of \_\_\_\_\_
  - commitment of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - commitment of learning from \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2:42)  
Bring what you learn in classes and sermons to your Bible study

Romans 15:4

"For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scripture we might have hope."

### Three Things from this passage:

1. Let's memorize it
2. Let's understand it
  - "whatever was written in earlier times" is a reference to what: \_\_\_\_\_
  - "Instruction" means what: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other translations for this word: \_\_\_\_\_
  - "Perseverance" means what: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other translations for this word: \_\_\_\_\_
  - "Encouragement" means what: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other translations for this word: \_\_\_\_\_
  - "Hope" means what: \_\_\_\_\_  
Other translations for this word: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Let's see what this does for you:

