

This Book – Part 3 – How to study the Bible WORKSHEET

Joshua 1:8 *“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.”*

3 SIMPLE STEPS to remember when studying the Bible.

1. Read it (What does the text say?)
2. _____ it (What does the text mean?)
3. Apply it (How can the truth be applied to my life?)

1. **READ IT** (What does the text say?)

The most important thing you can do is read it!

Why do we read the Bible? – to find out what God says.

Tips for reading your Bible:

- A. There has to be a _____ and a _____ place.
 - a. “I don’t have time” – we all make time for the things that are important to us
 - b. The benefit of regular reading will be seen in the long term.
- B. Find a good _____
 - a. (STICK WITH ONE BIBLE) for notes and visuals
 - b. Choose a Bible translation that works for you. (Recommended Bible ESV Study Bible CROSSWAY)
- C. Make _____ in your Bible
 - a. Highlight or underline verses that stand out to you
 - b. Write down anything that will help you to remember the meaning of the verse
 - c. Use symbols to mark subject material
- D. Read _____ of scripture until you know it inside and out (suggestion – 3 to 5 chapters for a month NEW TESTAMENT)
 - a. Each time you read through the text – make notes about things that stand out.

2. **INTERPRET IT** (What does the text mean?)

NOTE: Picking and choosing your own interpretation can be very dangerous!

Tips for interpreting the Bible:

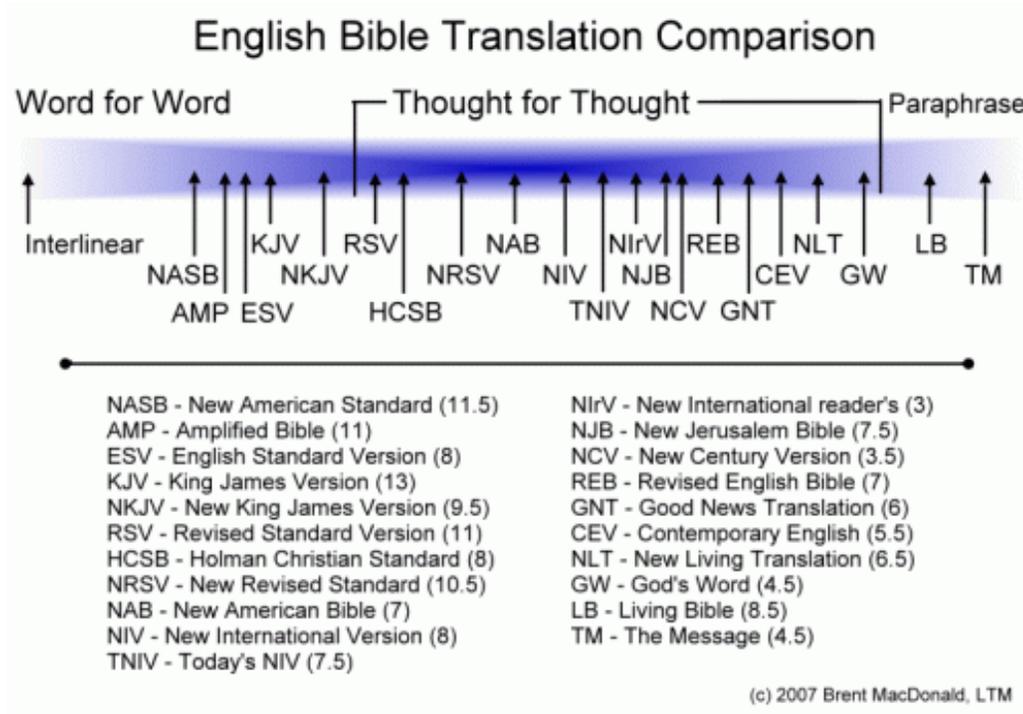
Use the _____ to interpret the Bible (As your knowledge of the entire Bible increases - interpretation will become easier and more accurate)

- A. Read the entire book – do not pull verses out of their context
- B. Get the historical perspective when available (Commentaries are helpful here)
- C. Cross-reference words and ideas using the references in the _____ of a study Bible
- D. **(Advanced)** Use electronic study tools (Concordance, Bible Dictionary, Esword)
- E. **(Advanced)** Read commentaries, do word studies, compare topical themes to other books
- F. **IMPORTANT **** Find someone who knows the Bible and ask questions

3. **APPLY IT** (How can the truth be applied to my life?)

James 1:22 "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves"

- A. _____ on what you have learned! As you think about the truths of scripture you will begin to see how you are to apply it into your life.
- B. Allow God's Word to penetrate your heart and soul - **finding out what you are supposed to be doing!** Ephesians 5:22; 5:25 It is always easier to figure out what someone else is supposed to be doing.
- C. Turn the truths and principles into _____ you can begin to work on.
- D. Teach someone else what you have learned.
- E. Pray for God's help, wisdom, and grace to change you for His glory.



<http://www.notjustanotherbook.com/biblecomparison.htm> -bible chart

SAMPLE:

Romans 2:12 ESV "For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law."

Romans 2:12 - Message Bible (paraphrase) " If you sin without knowing what you're doing, God takes that into account. But if you sin knowing full well what you're doing, that's a different story entirely."