

Living By The Book

INTRODUCTION

1. This book will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from this book.
2. Many Christians are under the word, but not in it.
3. The only option: in the world/in the Word.

Ask and Answer 2 Questions:

I. Why study the Bible?

3 Reasons

- A. Bible Study is essential to spiritual **GROWTH**. I Peter 2:2
- B. Bible Study is essential to spiritual **MATURITY**. Hebrews 5:11-14
- C. Bible Study is essential to spiritual **EFFECTIVENESS**. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

II. How to Study the Bible?

An overview of the process

A. **OBSERVATION** – What do I **SEE**?

6 keys to observation

1. Who?
2. What?
3. Where?
4. When?
5. Why?
6. Wherefore?

Illustration: Mark 4:35-44

B. **INTERPRETATION** – what does it **MEAN**?
Getting the Big Picture

5 keys to interpretation

1. Content
2. Context
3. Comparison
4. Culture
5. Consultation

Illustration: Romans 12:1-2

B. **APPLICATION** – How does it **WORK**?
4 keys to application

1. Know
2. Relate
3. Meditate
4. Practice

6 questions to ask

1. Is there an example for me to follow?
2. Is there a sin to avoid?
3. Is there a promise to claim?
4. Is there a command to obey?
5. Is there a passage to memorize?

6. Is there a challenge to face?

Illustration:

Ezra 7:10 – Because he had set his heart:

- To seek the law of God
- To practice the law of God
- To teach the law of God

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C. Basic tools to secure

1. A good study Bible
2. A comprehensive concordance
3. A helpful Bible dictionary
4. An exclusive Bible Atlas
5. A good commentary (one or two volume)

CONCLUSION

3 questions

- Is the Lord well pleased?
- Is the study well done?
- Is the work well used?