

*Actual Study Bibles:* Life Application, Thompson Chain Reference, Scofield, Reformation, ESV Study Bible, Nave's Topical Bible

### A Plan for Study

**The \_\_\_\_\_** — To encourage a personal searching of the Scriptures to discover God's particular teaching and message for the reader from each portion of His Word.

**The \_\_\_\_\_** — Not merely academic. Why do you want to study the Bible?

1. The means appointed by God by which we can encounter Him.
2. Vital to seek the Lord, and desire to know His will for us.
3. Though in our study of the Bible we must use our minds, our primary requirement is not intellectual but spiritual.
  - wholly without pride and self-confidence.
  - demands diligent study involving patient and persistent enquiry and the use of all proper available aids to understanding.

**The \_\_\_\_\_**

1. Pray asking the Lord to open your eyes to the Scriptures.
2. Read the portion of Scripture appointed for study.
3. Write down your own observations and questions that may arise.
4. Try to write a summary statement about the passage.
5. Make a basic outline of the passage.
6. Are there principles in this passage to apply to your life?
7. Meditate on the passage — SPACEPETS.
  - S \_\_\_\_\_ to C \_\_\_\_\_?
  - P \_\_\_\_\_ to C \_\_\_\_\_?
  - A \_\_\_\_\_ to C \_\_\_\_\_?
  - C \_\_\_\_\_ to O \_\_\_\_\_?
  - E \_\_\_\_\_ to F \_\_\_\_\_?
  - P \_\_\_\_\_ to P \_\_\_\_\_?
  - E \_\_\_\_\_ to A \_\_\_\_\_?
  - T \_\_\_\_\_ to B \_\_\_\_\_?
  - S \_\_\_\_\_ to Thank God For?



## Reasons to Believe #9

Digging Deeper — Practical Tools for Bible Study

*Matt. 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, **Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.***

The \_\_\_\_\_ is our \_\_\_\_\_ authority for all matters of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**First Things First** — \_\_\_\_\_.

*1Tim. 4:13 Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.*

Exhortation — \_\_\_\_\_

Doctrine — \_\_\_\_\_

## Studying

*The difference between reading and studying is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ — a logbook or chronicle of what God is teaching you.*

*Beginning — 30 Days to Understanding the Bible* by Max Anders

*Intermediate — What's the Bible All About* by Henrietta Mears

*Advanced Study — Search the Scriptures* by Alan Stibbs  
*Explore the Book* by J. Sidlow Baxter

*Serious Study — How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth* by  
Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart and the  
companion book *How to Read the Bible Book by  
Book*  
*Dig Deeper* by Nigel Beynon & Andrew Sach

## Tools

### *Textual Criticism*

\_\_\_\_\_ *or Families* — the grouping and description of biblical  
manuscripts according to \_\_\_\_\_ characteristics.

### *The Primary Canons of Textual Criticism*

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### *Bible Versions — Translation Philosophy*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Correspondence* (also known as formal  
equivalence)— Strict word for word translation at the expense of  
natural expression in the target language.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Equivalence* (also known as functional  
equivalence) — attempts to convey the \_\_\_\_\_ expressed in  
the source language if necessary at the expense of literalness,  
original word order and source text's grammatical voice.

## *English Grammar*

*Dictionary — Webster's 1828* — <http://www.1828-dictionary.com/>

## *Concordance*

## *Atlas*

## *Bible Dictionaries and Encyclopedias*

## *Commentaries*

### **What you want from commentaries:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ on sources and information about the historical context.
- Answers to those manifold \_\_\_\_\_ questions.
- Thorough discussions of difficult texts as to the possibilities of  
\_\_\_\_\_, along with supporting \_\_\_\_\_.

### **How to evaluate a commentary:**

The point of a commentary is \_\_\_\_\_, what the text \_\_\_\_\_,  
not \_\_\_\_\_, preaching the text in our day.

1. MOST IMPORTANT — When a text has more than one possible  
meaning, does the author discuss all the possible meanings,  
evaluate them, and give reasons for his or her own choice?
2. Does the author discuss the historical background and context in  
order for you to understand the occasion of the book and the idea  
of the text at important places?
3. Does the author give bibliographic information so you can do  
further study if you wish?

**Single Volume:** McArthur, Matthew Henry, New Bible Commentary

**Elementary Sets:** Expositor's Bible, Tyndale Bible, Bible Speaks  
Today, Barclays (weak view of Scripture)

**More Advanced:** New International, Anchor Bible, Word Biblical,  
New International, Pillar NT

## **Individual Volumes**

## **Study Bibles**

**Characteristics:** Italics, Marginal Notes, Cross References, Footnotes,  
Commentary Notes, Concordance, Maps