



## LESSON 9: HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

The study of the Bible is one of the most important practices for a believer. It's more than just reading the Scriptures; we need to study God's word to be able to adequately apply it to our lives. This lesson will help you study the Bible in a simple yet effective way.

### The Importance of Studying the Scriptures

Read Matthew 22:29

- What mistake do people make with the Scriptures?
- When we know the Scriptures, we also know the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- Read 2 Timothy 3:16 - 17. The Bible is profitable for
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_ . c) \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_ . d) \_\_\_\_\_ .
- What are the results in the life of a believer who studies the Bible?
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_ .

*Note: "perfect" or "complete" in this context means "spiritual maturity".*

### Studying the Bible is a Command

Studying the Bible is not only for those who enjoy reading, or like theology, or for a select group of people. It is the privilege and responsibility of all followers of Christ.

- Read Joshua 1:8, What is the command?
- How often should we study God's Word?
- What is the end result?

## Purpose of studying the Bible

We should not study the Bible out of curiosity or just to be more informed.

- Read John 5:39. Whom we will know more when we study the Bible?
- Read Hebrews 4:12. Whom will we know more when we study the Bible?
- Read Ezra 7:10. What are the two things we should do once we have studied the Bible?

## How To Study the Bible

Follow Ezra's example:

- a) Pray to learn, be transformed and teach others.
- b) Decide beforehand you will believe, obey and teach what you have learned.

You will begin studying the book of Mark in the New Testament. It has been divided into sections to be read daily. This will help you as you personally study the Scriptures.

## The SOS Method

The SOS Method is designed to help you develop a closer relationship with God. As you read and study Scripture, you will know His will and learn how to apply it in your daily life.

These three words, which are easy to remember, will help you in your daily Bible study: Study, Obey and Share (SOS).

**Study** - What is God teaching you? What part of the passage “speaks” to you to pay close attention?

- Pray before you start. Ask God to speak to you through His Word. Open your heart and be prepared to receive His message.
- Read carefully and meditate in what you are reading. Allow the Holy Spirit to teach you.
- Once you finish reading, go back to the part that caught your attention and read it again. Consider what God is telling you through His Word.

**Obey** - What should I obey from the passage? What action step should I take?

- Do your best to discover what God wants you to do.
- Be specific in what you will obey.
- The action step could be: believe a promise, obey a command, apply a principle, forsake a specific sin and others.
- Write down the passage, what you have learned and the action step that God has led you to take. This will help you build a “Spiritual Treasure Chest” (STC).

**Share** - What are you going to share with others? How will you edify them?

- Let God use you as you share with others what He has taught you.
- Be intentional with someone in your network of relationships in sharing from your STC.
- Use different means to share with them: personally, social media, etc.

Use the SOS method to continue knowing God, obeying Him and sharing with others what He has been teaching you.

## COMMITMENT

I understand that God commands me to study His Word, knowing that it will bring benefits to my spiritual life. Therefore, I decide to start studying my Bible from this day on.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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