

Improving our Knowledge of God's Word

Suggestions to help us improve our knowledge of God's word

- **Preparation – Be diligent**
 - **II Tim. 2:15** – It takes study to “*rightly divide the word of truth*”
 - **II Pet. 1:5, 10** – It takes study to “*add*” to our faith
 - **II Pet. 3:14** – It takes study to be “*found without spot, blameless...*”
- **Preparation – Plan ahead**
 - Determine if you want to study a topic, or if you want to begin in Genesis or Matthew

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- **Preparation – Help yourself remember**
 - **Keep a notepad and pencil handy as you study so that you can write down notes, thoughts, questions, etc.**
 - **Use the margins in your Bible**
- **Preparation – Keep your tools handy**
 - **Make use of a Greek/Hebrew dictionary (Vines) (e-sword.net-Strong's)**
- **Preparation – Honor the Word; Pray**
 - **I Cor. 2:12-14; Col. 1:9-10**

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- **Study – Use the Bible to search for truth, not justification. No proof-texts!**
 - **Rom. 15:4; Acts 17:11**
- **Study – Mind the context**
 - **II Pet. 3:16**
 - **Make application only after you've established the context**
 - **Example – Rom. 10**

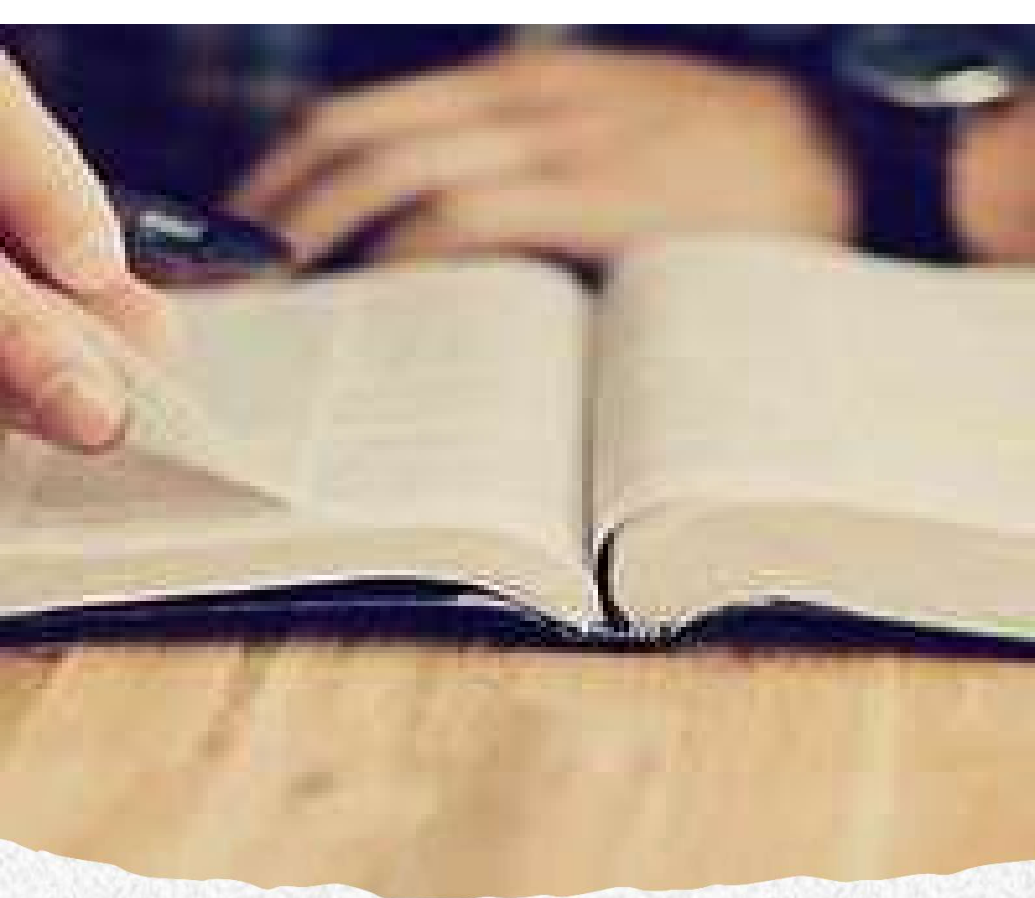
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- **Study – Let the Bible be its own commentary. Consider what the Bible teaches in other places...**
 - **Matt. 22:29; Matt. 12:3-4**

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 - **II Pet. 1:20; II Tim. 3:16**

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- **External Resources – After doing your own study, consider commentaries, historical records, etc.**
 - **Example – Minor prophets**



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