

Developing Good Bible Study Habits, continued:

2. Study a particular book in the Bible –
 - a. Who wrote the book?
 - b. Who was it written to?
 - c. Who are the principal characters and what particular meaning do they have?
 - d. What are the main points?
3. The verses –
 - a. What is the key verse?
 - b. What is the subject?
 - c. Is there any example to follow or avoid?
4. Study a particular topic –
 - a. Use a concordance.
 - b. Use a Topical Bible.
5. Study a certain Bible person –
 - a. What are their characteristics?
 - b. What was their experience with God?

Some simple but important things to look for when studying the Bible –

1. Emphasis – The amount of chapters or verses spent on a certain subject sometime will indicate the importance of that subject.
2. Things repeated – How many times certain things are said.
3. The “Ifs and Thens” – Several verses will say “If” you do this “then” I will do this.
4. Questions and answers – Sometime a verse will ask a question and then turn right around and give the answer.

Interpretation – (define) Discovering the meaning of a passage, the writer’s main thought or idea.

Often times the meaning of a verse can be found by looking at the verses around it. Let scripture interpret scripture.