

## Chapter 1 : Get the most out of Bible Study -

*Most of the Bible is not written as a collection of individual sayings (although most of the Book of Proverbs is just that!); the books of the Bible are generally meant to be read from beginning to end, or at least in larger sections than individual sentences or verses.*

Today I wanted to talk about something that I think a lot of Christians struggle with at one point in time: Reading the Bible can be hard. However, that is not the only translation. The NIV is probably the easiest to understand, as it can be understood at a 7th grade reading level, however, the version is fairly controversial in Christianity due to its use of gender neutral language. Pray About It One thing my mom has always told me is that the Bible is a letter – as a matter of fact, it is a love letter. Imagine that someones mail is accidentally put in your mailbox, and you open up this letter that is not addressed to you. How much of it will make sense? Probably not a lot. The same can be said for the Bible. As believers, the Holy Spirit is what allows us to understand scripture. One thing that I always do before reading my Bible is pray for understanding. We are inviting the Holy Spirit to direct us and give us new insight on His word. It is much like re-watching a movie, or rereading a book. The same can be said about the Bible! Join a Bible Study This is probably an obvious one, but arguably one of the most important. I am currently in a bible study at my church and we are going over Genesis. That is what I am currently experiencing as we go through Genesis! When choosing a Bible study, it is important to note the audience that it is catering to. The Bible study that I am in is for all stages of life and has a good mix of ages. I personally like this because I believe it allows for more wisdom and knowledge to be shared. However, everyone has different preferences and might feel that God is leading them to a group that pertains more toward their stage of life. Which ever group you choose, try to stick with it and be encouraged by others to get in to the word! I am going through Revelation at the moment and this particular book hits some heavy yet exciting stuff. Having this commentary has helped me understand the depth of His word in this book and makes what He is saying to us a lot clearer. Grab a Study Guide Ever tried studying for a test without a study guide? There is so much in this book 66 books, to be exact that you might not even know where to begin. Having a study guide can really help with this! As I mentioned before, I am reading in Revelation. This has really helped take me through Revelation and have a better understanding of what I am reading! One thing you have to be careful about when choosing a study guide is whether or not it is biblically-sound. This means that you need to have a discerning spirit in things written by man. For example, I would not recommend Jesus Calling. The author, Sarah Young, believes in personal revelations, yet we have all received the same revelation. I am peddling John MacArthur products – but he shares so much truth! The main takeaway from this is that God has said all he needs to in the Bible and it is important to use a guide that uses His truth and nothing else. If you are unsure of how to go about this, pray for discernment and know that truth can be found through reading the Bible alone. However, if you believe that a study guide will help, you can check out <https://www.godtalk.com>: However, when I do more consistently read the Bible, I tend to get more out of my time doing so. One way that I try to do this is by picking a specific time every day that works best for me. For my mom, she reads her Bible every single morning before she does anything else. As for me, I prefer to read my Bible in the evenings. I almost always have more time in the evenings than I do in the mornings so it allows me to be more consistent although I do love the mornings that I get to have a cup of coffee and dig in to scripture! The important thing here is to know that it is quality over quantity. Some days I get more out of 10 minutes of reading than I do in 30! If I am constantly checking my phone, I am not truly getting in to the word. It puts a barrier between God and myself. The same can be said for when we check our phones while reading the Bible. God is trying to speak to us, and we are essentially ignoring him while we check our phones. I am not an expert on reading the Bible and have a lot of learning left to do myself. Feel free to comment down below what you do with your Bible time and how you get the most out of it.

*The Bible demands your full interpretive energies if you are to get the meaning just right. When you read the Bible you are in a dialogue with a wide variety of human authors, but more important, with God.*

Get the most out of Bible Study Published by Holly on November 6, November 6, I love reading Bible related books, listening to various pastors, and reading news centered around God. There are a ton of Bible study books out there that are wonderful. However, nothing beats my alone time with God and just my Bible. There is a way to get the most out of your Bible study. When you open the Bible and read the words on your own, they will begin to speak to you. You will relate to characters, verses will speak to your situation, and you will begin to enjoy your discoveries. Many people have trouble reading the Bible. Thanks to the internet and apps, you have a wide variety of ways to get into in-depth studies on your own. Bible study will not only speak to you, it will change you. It will also provide you with discernment. Unfortunately, we are in an age where many are deceptive. In order to know the difference between fact and fiction, you must know the Bible yourself. There is power in those words, you do not want to be led astray with man made rules and thoughts. Get to know God completely today by beginning your own studies of the Bible. It has a great commentary at the bottom of every page explaining the verses in greater detail. Every verse also has correlations of verses off to the side that will help you continue your study in other parts of the Bible. It will provide you with maps, lines of history, and much more. The affiliate link above will give you a variety of these Bibles to choose from. Olive Tree Bible App This is free app that is available on any device. It also has a book store where you can purchase commentaries and other Bible study items. You have a variety of highlighters and folder tools for saving your study. You can also take notes. This app also has Bible studies you can enter into such as reading the Bible in Chronological order, in a year, and so on. My favorite part of this app is the search feature. If I am searching for a particular topic or verse, I type in a few words and it gives me scripture related to that search. How I do my study I like doing in depth research during my study. I like to have the full picture. Sometimes I will focus on one book and other times I will focus on a keyword. I do the keyword search when I am struggling with something. For instance, if I am lonely, I will search verses related to that. I use both the app and my Bible during studies. I always keep a notepad and pen handy to jot down things I want to remember or other verses related to my study. I use the app to search for specific keywords or phrases. I will sometimes even use Google. With the app, I will get scriptures that are related to my search. From there, I look up those scriptures with the Bible. I also do the same thing when I am doing a Google search. After I find scriptures, I begin studying those in my Bible. I will read the commentary related to the scriptures as well. I will also look to the side of my Bible for scriptures that refer to this in other parts of the Bible. By doing this, I am able to get a understanding of a specific topic throughout the entire Bible. When I read a book of the Bible, I strictly use my Bible and study the commentary and related verses. I use the app to compare the verses with other versions of the Bible. Other versions are often worded differently, yet have the same basic meaning. By doing this, I am able to get a full understanding of the words. After my study, I will begin looking for sermons and other articles related to my study. YouTube and Google will lead you to different sites that mesh with your study. I always wait until after I am done so I know the meaning of it all on my own first. I will sometimes go further and buy books related to the topic. Depending on what I am studying, my studies can take hours or weeks. I keep all of my notes in a folder where I can study again if I need to. These types of studies give me a very clear understanding of what I am reading. They are very useful and helpful when you are wanting to really know the words of your Bible. Final thoughts Everyone learns differently. I am a researcher and love to go into deep studies. You can just focus on a couple verses at a time. It is really up to you. Both the Bible and the app will be of great use during any study you choose to do. Having both also helps when listening to sermons or during book studies or lessons. When verses are mentioned, you can look those up right away on your app. If you are not a reader, there are audio versions of the Bible. I hope my ideas will help lead you into better studies of your Bible. It is important for all of us to spend time with God in reading and prayer.

**Chapter 3 : Bible Journaling for Beginners: How to Get the Most Out Of Your Bible Study - SoulScripts**

*This is a great foundational book for building ones faith and truly getting the most out of your bible study. I've also found it a great resource in defending the faith that i use time and again. Read more.*

Powerpoint for this and hundreds more free sermons at our website: Looking like the bedraggled Hanks in the movie, the FedEx employee in the commercial goes up to the door of a suburban home, package in hand. When the lady comes to the door, he explains that he survived five years on a deserted island, and during that whole time he kept this package in order to deliver it to her. She gives a simple, "Thank you. He says, "If I may ask, what was in that package after all? Just a satellite telephone, a global positioning device, a compass, a water purifier, and some seeds. David Livingstone, started his trek across Africa he had 73 books in 3 packs, weighing pounds. After the party had gone miles, Livingstone was obliged to throw away some of the books because of the fatigue of those carrying his baggage. As he continued on his journey his library grew less and less, until he had but one book left--his Bible. Drink from the Well, not from the streams that flow from the Well. He had received it as a present from a missionary some time before. The conductor tried to console him by saying, "Mr. When you find your ticket, just mail it in. Observation - What do I see? If a man looks through his telescope he sees worlds beyond; but if he looks at his telescope, he does not see anything but that. S The further one goes from the source the more polluted the water. This book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this book! C Command to obey. A journalist asked the remarkable Christian, G. Chesterton, what one book he would want to have along if he were stranded on a desert island. Chesterton paused only an instant before replying, "Why, A Practical Guide to Shipbuilding, of course.

## Chapter 4 : How Can I Get the Most out of the Bible? by Michael Lawrence

*To get the most out of reading the Bible, it's a lot like getting the most out of anything in life - you need to do something in response. And you need to apply it to your life. One way to apply what you read is to include four action steps\* in your daily reading.*

Encouragement I once heard the story of a new pastor fresh out of seminary who went to a rural church in Montana. The first Sunday, only one cowboy showed up, so the pastor asked him if he wanted to go ahead and hear the sermon, or just go home, since no one else was there. Afterward, he asked the cowboy what he thought. We all know how that feels. The Value of Foundational Information A study at Carnegie Mellon University demonstrated that the brain retains more from a concise summarization of a subject than it does from a full presentation. This supports the value of learning a tight overview of a given subject first. Then, as you learn additional information, you can hang it on the memory pegs created by the tight overview. Gaining a basic knowledge of the story and teachings of the Bible is one of the most powerful things a Christian can do to lay a foundation for a lifetime of learning. The Necessity of Effective Teaching The reason so many Christians have struggled to gain a mature knowledge of the Bible might not have anything to do with desire or even effort. Rather, it may be that no one has ever gathered all the essential information into one place, boiled it down to its irreducible minimum, and presented it in a creative and effective way so that they could get it. Let that soak in. There is no magic wand, and it is not possible to reduce mastering the Bible to the snap of a finger. But it is possible to make it clearer and easier than it often is. Looking for the Right Resources Because of these two facts: Often, Bible teachers who understand their subject well, out of wonderful motives, may end up giving us more than we can absorb. We may end up bailing on a resource book, online resource, Bible study, small group out of a sense of overwhelm. Churches, mentors, and books are available to help you gain a foundational knowledge of Scripture. Once we understand that that is what we need to begin, we can be more successful at finding them. Conclusion As you strive to master the Bible so well that the Bible masters you, search for resources books, online resources, Bible studies, small groups that will give you the basics that you can build greater knowledge on. As you conform to the way the brain works, you will find yourself getting all of a little rather than none of a lot. Max Anders is the author of over 25 books included 30 Days to Understanding the Bible. Max was also one of the original team members with Walk Thru the Bible Ministries. Leave a Reply Your email address will not be published.

**Chapter 5 : 25 Most Popular Bible Verses Read on calendrierdelascience.com**

*Answer four questions as you read. Knowing how to read the Bible can make it a lamp to your foot and light for your path (Psalm ).*

Simple truths but impactful if practiced regularly. When will you spend time reading? Where will you spend time reading? Get away from distractions and consistently meet God in the same place everyday. What will you read? There are lots of translations of the bible, some easier to read and some harder to read. Get a Bible Translation that you can understand. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. We need to think about what it says and ask the questionâ€ what does this mean for my life? If you really want to treasure the Bible then you need to think about the Word throughout the day. I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. This is where we actually begin to put into practice what the Word says. We need to put into action what we find in the pages of this book. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. I thanked God for the timely advice and thought there were some great tips that are worth sharing! Here were a few of my favorite tips that they shared: Making that one switch alone breathes new life into reading the New Testament. This does not diminish personal responsibility at all, though. If anything, it heightens it: It is a collection of 66 books of literature, and to interpret it correctly, you need to remember what you learned in English class about interpreting different genres of literature. Biblical truth is found in poetry, but we must read it as poetry. It is found in narrative, but we must read those as stories. It is found in proverbs, and we must treat those as such. And what type of literature is this? Truth be told, the Bible is not an easy read, but it is absolutely worth the effort. Sometimes, we read to study and understand and wrestle with the truth. But sometimes, we read to make our hearts happy. What are some of your tips for reading the Bible? Comment and let me know!

## Chapter 6 : Bible Made Simple: How To Get the Most Out of the Bible

*American Bible Society provides a Daily Bible Reading plan that you might want to consider. Other people want to read through the Bible on their own. Still others move from one passage to another based on preference, lectionary readings, or Church School lessons.*

Spiritual Health This post contains affiliate links and images. Read more of my disclosure policy here. I know it can be scary to read the Bible. So, if you need a little help getting started on the right foot, here are 9 tips and tools to help you get started. I also have an ebook, *Brighten Your Bible Study*, that covers my highlighting and note taking techniques in even more detail. You can download it here! Why do you want to dig deeper in the Word? So, first, check your heart. It may be easier to start with a shorter chapter in the Old Testament, like Ruth. Start in chapter one and read through the whole chapter, and then the whole book. Of course, not all in one sitting. But focus on that book and work through it little by little each day. Spend more time writing the Word and memorizing Scripture than you spend money on fancy markers. You can grab a set by clicking here: [Click To Tweet 4. Get a Single Column Journaling Bible](#) There are several study Bibles and journaling bibles out there but my first recommendation would be to get a single column journaling Bible. You can get the exact Bible I have here. I suggest this for a few reasons. A single column journaling Bible only has one column of text on each page, which leaves plenty of room to write prayers, notes, and Scripture in the margins. I also love that this Bible has some helpful footnotes and contextual clues at the bottom of the pages. Jot your notes, or the prayers you saw answered since the last time you studied that passage, on a sticky note and stick it inside! It will come to life for you as you let go of your preconceived notions and freely live in and out of it. I suggest using a commentary or devotional study. Just click one of the the photos below to grab one! It is packed full of notes throughout the text but also each book of the Bible includes information about what you will learn, such as the theme and historical context surrounding the book, which helps give you a more complete understanding of what you will learn. When you use these side by side, you can learn more about a passage from the study Bible and jot down in the margins of your journaling Bible which ones you really want to remember or the ones that really stood out to you. *Write and Speak the Word* Writing Scripture is one of the best ways to memorize His Word and this may be the very best place to start with your new journaling Bible. As you read, ask Holy Spirit to guide your reading and show you what God is teaching you. When a verse or passage stands out to you, write it in the margin AND say it out loud as you write. Writing and also speaking the Word out loud will help those Truths be written across your heart so you can carry Truth with you wherever you go! God knows your heart. He will lead and guide it. Pray for His guidance. Pray for Him to reveal Himself to you and open your eyes to what He is teaching you about Himself. Let this journey in the journaling Bible be one big prayer—a conversation between you and God where you learn directly from His Word and write back directly on the pages of His word. It needs to be personal and purposed. For a brief tutorial on how I take notes and draw connections, watch this video!

**Chapter 7 : 8 Ways to Get the Most Out of Bible Study - Beliefnet**

*Maybe it's culture. Maybe it's genetics. Or, maybe it's just me. Nonetheless, I am plagued by an inability to concentrate on my Bible study reading. Helpful tips to get more out of your Bible study time.*

Some of the Topics might be: Characters of the Bible 3. The 66 books of the Bible are broken in to 2 major groups Old and New Testament with several divisions. Use the 4 step process for studying the Bible in this way: Read for 15 minutes and study for 15 minutes or visa versa. To help you study, many Bibles have a synopsis that appears just before each book. Ask Him to help you and guide you into all truth John Write them down in a notebook created for this purpose. This is what my notebook looks like: Read and study at your own pace. Meditate and Memorize Once you have finished reading the book go back to your notebook. Meditate on the scriptures or sections of scripture you wrote there. Meditate for 15 minutes and memorize for 15 minutes. Do this daily until you have processed all of the scripture that you wrote in your notebook. Meditate and memorize at your own pace. What happens is that your mind, through repetition, begins to believe what it hears. Meditation reprograms your sub-conscious allowing you to believe the words of God rather than the lies of Satan. You begin to ACT on the words of God. The Apostle Paul says: Be not conformed to this world: He will quicken a thought to your mind. He will give you insight into how this scripture impacts your life. For more on meditation read my article, The Purpose of Meditation. Memorization Where meditation reprograms the sub-conscious mind, memorization provides the RECALL needed to repeat it in your conscious mind. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Here are 3 scriptures from the Gospel of John that you could memorize: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Begin by creating scripture memorization cards. You can use 3 x 5 cards, but I made mine smaller so they would fit into a baseball card protector. I type the verses out on my computer, print them and cut them to size. I glue them onto my card stock using a glue stick. You can also use scotch tape. Insert them into your card protector and put them in a filing box by topic. Carry the cards with you wherever you go so that you can refer to them and commit them to memory. Memorize scripture by breaking them down into smaller pieces. Repeat each phrase in your mind over and over then move on to the next phrase. In your mind, repeat: Now put it all together: Wow, the Holy Spirit was really working in my life, talking to me explaining and teaching. That made a huge difference, it made it real. It can do the same for you. All you have to do is pick a book or topic that you would like to study. Spend 30 minutes a day reading and studying it. Record scripture that inspires you in your notebook. Do this for 30 minutes a day in place of the reading and studying cycle. When the book or topic you are reading, studying, meditating and memorizing is completed, go on to the next book or topic. Just get it in you! What to Read Take a second look at the Books of the Bible graphic above. Start with the New Testament. Choose one of the sections indicated there: Then read through the books in that section. My only suggestion is that if you have not read the Bible before, read the Gospels first particularly the Gospel of John. Other than that, pick a section of the New Testament that seems interesting to you. After you read the entire New Testament, then read the Old Testament. There are many resources on the market to help you in your endeavor. There are Harmonies for studying the Gospels. Harmonies place the Gospels side by side in chronological form. Harmonies allow you to compare the Gospels, gleaning from one what might not be in the other. One such Harmony is: The modern versions distort and leave out entire verses of the Bible. In my article, Is There a Perfect Bible? Is the Bible Inerrant? Because you will have many questions concerning this topic, I suggest you go to Information on Bible Versions. This site covers this topic extensively. You can purchase a copy at Pure Words of Truth. Conclusion God gave us the Bible to lead us to Him and to help us grow. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. If we only read and study the Bible we may have ALL knowledge, but our hearts will not learn to love 1 Corinthians Only when we combine reading and studying with meditating and memorizing will we learn to love, because God will find root in our heart. He will speak to us through the power of the Holy Spirit. May

God grant you His peace as you read, study, meditate and memorize His word.

**Chapter 8 : Get the Most Out of Your Bible Study - Thomas Nelson Bibles**

*There is a way to get the most out of your Bible study. When you open the Bible and read the words on your own, they will begin to speak to you. You will relate to characters, verses will speak to your situation, and you will begin to enjoy your discoveries.*

There are many great examples of strong women in the Bible to learn from. Here are five strong women with a summary of their story. When the Israelites came at Sisera with 10,000 men, Sisera fled. Israel was routing Sisera and his army when Sisera broke off from his men and fled alone. He came to the tent of Jael. Jael knew who Sisera was and invited him into her tent to hide. He asked for some water to drink. Jael, in her cunningly kind way, gave Sisera a bottle of milk. After enjoying his milk—like many people—he went fast to sleep. Jael sneaked into the tent with a tent peg and hammer. The Bible says that she drove the nail through his temple and pegged his head to the ground. Of course he was dead by the time the pursuing army found him. She wanted a son but God had not granted her one. She begged the Lord for a child. Her son was born and she followed through on her promise. She took the child to Eli the priest and left him to be raised in the Temple. Her son grew up to be Samuel—“one of the most influential and godly men in the Bible. Abigail” 1 Samuel 25 Abigail was the wife of a wicked and self-centered man named Nabal. David who had been anointed king, but had not yet taken office sent servants to kindly ask Nabal to show hospitality to him and his servants. David prepared his men for a fight. Abigail heard what transpired between Nabal and the servants of David. She loaded up a feast and went to meet David along the way. She had hoped that her actions would calm David so that he would spare her family from death. Nabal, thinking himself to be someone special because he told David to take a hike, threw a big party for himself. He was drunk and unable to protect himself. The next morning Abigail told Nabal that she had taken an offering to David and by doing so turned back the king and his soldiers. Nabal was shocked to learn that his whole household could have been destroyed. So shocked, in fact, that the Bible says his heart died within him and he became as stone. Within 10 days he was dead. When David heard the news that Nabal was dead he sent for Abigail to become his wife. David saw within her a virtue of honesty and desire to protect her family. He had banished his former wife and chose Esther through a contest. However, the king did not know she was a Jew. He went to Esther and asked her to go before the king and ask that the family of Israel be spared. Though Esther was the queen she did not have the right to lay her case before the king without an invitation. King Ahasuerus had not called for her presence in over a month. She knew that going before him uninvited could mean death. Mordecai convinced Esther that she may have been brought to the position she was in by God for the purpose of saving her own people. She agreed to go before the king without an invitation even if it meant death. Between the two meals Haman grew more angry with Mordecai and the Jews. When Esther revealed to the king that Haman planned to kill her family the king had Haman hung on the gallows that were built for Modecai. Lois and Eunice” 2 Timothy 1 The Bible does not tell us much about Lois and Eunice, but what little it says speaks volumes for their character. One verse, 2 Timothy 1: The book talks often about the things Timothy had been taught, or the things he had learned. These stories of great women in the Bible are still inspirational to women today. Share in the comments below!

### Chapter 9 : Get the Most from Your Bible - Bible Study Tips

*When you use these side by side, you can learn more about a passage from the study Bible and jot down in the margins of your journaling Bible which ones you really want to remember or the ones that really stood out to you.*

I can get so lost in the incredible stories! It truly is my favorite book. Some parts of the Bible are incredibly tricky for me to understand, and some parts are so loaded with important information that I feel like I need to meditate on one Scripture for a week before moving on. Quite often I like to work through scripted daily Bible studies, do daily devotionals, and read other books about the Bible to aid in my learning and growth. For me, this is the time when I feel God speak to me the most. There are lots of ideas out there for how to color code your Bible and why you should do it. Many of them lead you on a quest to find Scriptures on a specific topic and highlight them all. I do study like this occasionally, when I need information on one specific subject, but I think if you always study like this you miss the bigger picture and you can easily take things out of context. I like to keep it simple and let God really minister to my heart. By reading just a short bit and then taking the time to thoroughly dissect it, I can really let it just soak in, penetrate my mind and my heart, and ultimately transform me into the person God created me to be. After I have color-coded the passage, then I jot down the things that really stood out to me in my study journal. Studying like this has taken my quiet time to a whole new level, by building up my own confidence. The lessons He is teaching me are completely unique to my season in life, to my circumstances, to my gifts, and to my struggles. And at the same time I am growing deeper in my relationship with God as He reveals His nature and His character to me. Here is how you can begin your own unique and completely customized daily Bible study: Create a color-code chart, assigning a different color or highlighter to each category. Think about what kind of things are you looking for in your study time. You can make this as simple or as complex as you like. I have seen some lists with only things and I have seen some that are a few pages long! My current categories look like thisâ€¦ Meaningful to me as a Christian Meaningful to me as a wife Meaningful to me as a mom Meaningful to me as a teacher school-related Meaningful to me as an encourager blog-related Sin!