

TIME OUT !!

Here are some hints to understand problem verses.

1. Read the verses before and after the problem verse.
2. Read from more than one translation to understand the verse's meaning.
3. Re-read the verse slowly looking for:
 - a. Who is speaking or acting?
 - b. What is being done or said?
 - c. For what purpose is this done or said?
 - d.
4. Use some Bible helps such as Bible dictionaries, Bible encyclopedias and commentaries.
5. Use the concordance in the back of your Bible to see what else the Bible says about this subject.

NOTES AND "QUOTES"

As a new convert, desire to become one who knows the Bible. Read it, study it and memorize it. That you may be able to correctly understand God's will for you. II Timothy 2:15

How to Study the Bible



KEY IDEA:
Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

As new Christians, we naturally desire to read the Bible, God's word. We will study in this lesson what the Bible is, some truths concerning it and how we can learn to study the Bible.

FIRM FOUNDATION CLASS
Lesson 5

MULTIPLE CHOICE: All answers are correct, but underline only the answer that corresponds with the scriptural reference.

1. *John 20:31* shows the Bible was written that: (1) We could know what God expects from us, (2) We might believe on Christ and find life in His name, (3) We could read and study it, (4) God might reveal Himself to us.
2. *II Peter 1:16-21* informs us that the Gospel was not cunningly devised fables from men but: (1) From prophets of God, (2) Holy men, (3) Holy men of God moved by the Holy Spirit, (4) Men who were given revelations from God.
3. In *John 15:3*, we find that as we read and obey the Bible, it: (1) Encourages us, (2) Uplifts us, (3) Cleanses us, (4) Instructs us.
4. Jesus promises in *Matthew 24:35* that heaven and earth will pass away but not: (1) His love, (2) His Words, (3) His forgiveness, (4) His work on the cross.
5. *Revelation 22:18-19* warns us of two things. They are: (1) Listen to and obey God's Word, (2) Never stop private prayer and Bible reading, (3) Always live the right kind of life and witness, (4) Do not add to or take away from the prophecies of this Book.

MATCHING – Match up the correct statements with their scriptural reference for helps in how to use the Bible.

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| _____ 1. <i>I Peter 2:2</i> | A. A fire (to purge our hearts) |
| _____ 2. <i>Ephesians 6:17</i> | B. The Gospel of Christ (the good news to share) |
| _____ 3. <i>Hebrews 6:5</i> | C. Milk of the Word (to feed our souls) |
| _____ 4. <i>Jeremiah 5:14</i> | D. The Scriptures (to read and memorize) |
| _____ 5. <i>Jeremiah 23:29</i> | E. The Word of God (to respect and reverence) |
| _____ 6. <i>Psalms 119:105</i> | F. The sword of the Spirit (to fight the devil) |
| _____ 7. <i>John 17:17</i> | G. A hammer (to crush sin and its power) |
| _____ 8. <i>Deuteronomy 31:26</i> | H. A lamp and a light (for enlightenment and guidance) |
| _____ 9. <i>Romans 1:16</i> | I. Truth (to cherish and treasure) |
| _____ 10. <i>John 5:39</i> | J. Book of the law (to heed and obey) |

Fill in the blanks to discover several things that will help you to learn how to study the Bible.

1. *Romans 15:4* shows that "everything that was written in the past was written to _____ us, so that through _____ and the _____ of the Scriptures we might have _____."
2. *II Timothy 3:16* "All scripture is _____ and is useful for _____, _____, _____, and _____ in _____."
3. *I Peter 1:25* declares "The _____ stands _____. And this is the _____ that was _____ to you."
4. *Jeremiah 15:16* exclaims, "When your words came, I ate them; they were my _____ and my heart's _____."
5. Jesus warned the Sadducees in *Matthew 22:29* that they erred in two ways. What were they?

1. _____
2. _____