

Way of Life Bible College

Course Syllabus

Course: The Effectual Bible Student

Credit Hours: 2

Instructor: David W. Cloud

Office:

Office Hours:

The Videos for this Course can be found at <https://www.wayoflife.org/media/>

Class Description: The package consists of a 14-hour series of video teaching plus a book containing the text of the course. It is our goal and passion to help God's people, including teenagers, become effectual Bible students. The course, which is the product of 48 years of Bible study and teaching, has life-changing potential. It has four major sections: (1) The spiritual requirements for effectual Bible study, (2) tips for daily Bible study, (3) principles of Bible interpretation, and (4) how to use Bible study tools. The textbook has review questions for testing. The book can be used by teachers to Bible classes in the home or church. For more advanced students, we recommend the course *Understanding the Bible for Yourself*.

Texts Required for class:

The King James Bible

The Effectual Bible Student by David W. Cloud

Outcomes—At the end of the course, all students will be able to:

1. Understand the spiritual requirements for effectual Bible study.
2. Establish a habit of daily Bible study.
3. Practice important principles of Bible interpretation.
4. Gain a deeper knowledge for how to use Bible study tools effectively.
5. Begin their own personal Bible study projects.

Evaluation—the class grade will be broken up in the following manner:

Tests (2) – 50%

Quizzes (5) – 30%

Project – 20%

90–100%	A	70–79%	C
80–89%	B	0–69%	D (Failing)

Validation:

Outcome 1. Students read *The Effectual Bible Student* completely and answer all review questions.

Outcome 2. Students take diligent notes during class over how to be an effectual Bible student.

Outcome 3. Students memorize foundational verses.

Outcome 4. Students take tests over the material covered in class and read outside of class.

Outcome 5. Students do a Bible study over a key passage and practice the different techniques they have learned from the course on studying their Bible.

Attendance Policy:

There are two options for taking this class. They are the following:

- **Slower Pace-15 Week Option**

This option takes a total of 15 weeks and has regular assignments two times every week: Tuesday and Thursday.

- **Advanced-One Month Option**

This option takes a total of 4 weeks and has regular assignments six times every week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. On occasion, the student must complete two days' worth of material from the slower paced option in order to complete the course in one month.

-----Slower Pace-15 Week Option-----

Course Outline:

Week Topics

- 1 Note to Teachers and Students/ Introduction
- 2 Spiritual Requirements for Bible Study
- 3 Spiritual Requirements for Bible Study/ A Habit of Daily Bible Study
- 4 A Habit of Daily Bible Study
- 5 A Habit of Daily Bible Study/ Sound Rules of Bible Interpretation
- 6 Sound Rules of Bible Interpretation
- 7 **Test 1**/ Sound Rules of Bible Interpretation
- 8 Sound Rules of Bible Interpretation
- 9 Sound Rules of Bible Interpretation
- 10 Sound Rules of Bible Interpretation
- 11 Sound Rules of Bible Interpretation/ Bible Study Tools
- 12 Bible Study Tools
- 13 Aim to Obtain Extensive Knowledge of the Bible
- 14 Beginning Bible Study Projects/ Conclusion/ Understanding the Bible for Yourself/
Way of Life Bible Courses
- 15 **Test 2 (Final)**

Weeks **Assignment (these are to be completed *before* the video each day)**

Weeks	Tuesday	Thursday
1	No assignments Video 1	Pages 1-8
2	Pages 9-14 Video 2	Pages 15-20
3	Pages 20-22 Video 3	Pages 23-27 Quiz 1—Colossians 1:28
4	Pages 27-30 Video 4	Pages 31-35
5	Pages 35-40 Video 5	Pages 41-42
6	Pages 43-46 Video 6	Pages 46-50 Quiz 2—Psalm 138:2
7	Test 1- Intro- ½ of Sound Rules of Bible Interpretation	Pages 51-55 Video 7
8	Pages 55-60 Video 8	Pages 60-64
9	Pages 64-69 Video 9	Pages 70-74 Quiz 3—Luke 24:44
10	Page 75-80 Video 10	Page 81-85
11	Pages 85-87 Video 11	Pages 88-93
12	Pages 93-98 Video 12	Pages 98-104 Quiz 4—2 Corinthians 11:1-2
13	Pages 105-110 Video 13	Pages 110-115 Bible Study Project
14	Pages 116-221 Video 14	Pages 122-123, 131-132 Quiz 5—2 Peter 1:8
15	Test 2 (Final)-Cumulative	

-----Advanced-One Month Option-----

Course Outline:**Week Topics**

- 1 Note to Teachers and Students/ Intro/ Spiritual Requirements for Bible Study/ A Habit of Daily Bible Study
- 2 A Habit of Daily Bible Study/ Sound Rules of Bible Interpretation/ **Test 1**/ Sound Rules of Bible Interpretation
- 3 Sound Rules of Bible Interpretation/ Bible Study Tools
- 4 Aim to Obtain Extensive Knowledge of the Bible/ Beginning Projects/ Conclusion/ Understanding the Bible for Yourself/ Way of Life Bible Courses/ **Test 2 (Final)**

Weeks **Assignment (these are to be completed *before* the video each day)**

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Pages 1-8 Video 1	Pages 9-14 Video 2	Pages 15-20 Quiz 1— Col. 1:28	Pages 20-22 Video 3	Pages 23-27	Pages 27-35 Video 4
2	Pages 35-40 Video 5	Pages 40-46 Video 6	Pages 46-50 Quiz 2— Ps. 138:2	Test 1- Intro- ½ of Sound Rules of Bible...	Pages 51-60 Video 7	Pages 60-69 Video 8
3	Pages 70-74 Video 9	Page 75-80 Video 10	Page 81-87 Video 11	Pages 88-93 Quiz 3— Luke 24:44	Pages 93-98 Video 12	Pages 98-104 Quiz 4— 2 Cor. 11:1-2
4	Pages 105-110 Video 13	Pages 110-115 Bible Study Project	Pages 116-121 Video 14	Pages 122-123, 131-132 Quiz 5— 2 Peter 1:8	Test 2 (Final)-Cumulative	

Details of Course Assignments:

- **Reading Assignments**

Students are given reading assignments for most days and must complete the assignments along with answering the corresponding questions before each lesson begins.

- **Quizzes (5)**

Quizzes will be given on five Thursdays (*for the slower-paced option*) scattered throughout the semester. These quizzes will **only** be verse quizzes.

- **Bible Study Project**

Find a key passage in the Bible that has significant meaning to you, or a passage you wish to study out more (must be a minimum of 5 verses). Using the techniques taught in this course, write a 5-6 double spaced paper on the passage you have selected. Include the context of the passage, similar verses to this passage, and the meaning of this passage in the first 1 ½ pages. For the next 2 pages, explain the proper interpretation of the passage based on the context already established. Finally, in the last 1 ½ - 2 ½ pages explain the Biblical application that the NT believer should take away from this passage.

- **Tests (2 total)**

There will be a total of two tests taken during this semester. Including certain review questions from the back of the book and additional important information in the reading, the tests will be short answer questions. The tests are used to measure how much the student has retained over the course. Both tests will cover previously learned material as well as new material.

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Bibliography: