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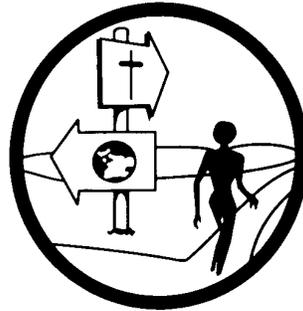
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TESTS

Following are the tests and teacher score sheets for the course “How to Study the Bible.” This is one of the titles in the *Way of Life Literature Advanced Bible Studies Series*. The course itself can be obtained from Way of Life Literature.

(TEACHERS ARE WELCOME TO PHOTOCOPY THE TESTS.)

Test on the First Two Sections

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Which of the following word or words in 2 Timothy 2:15 tell us that Bible study requires much labor?

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What are some serious problems with the modern versions?

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- They are based on the wrong Greek New Testament
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- They often use a careless method of translation

What are two doctrines that are weakened in the modern versions?

- The doctrine of the church
- The doctrine of sin
- The doctrine of justification
- the doctrine of Christ's deity
- the doctrine of fasting

What word in 1 Timothy 3:16 is omitted in modern versions? _____

What verse in Acts 8 is omitted in modern versions? _____

Check the following things that are true about dynamic equivalency translation

- It is a very good method of translation
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- With a dynamic equivalency version, the Bible student cannot know if he is reading God's words or man's words

What part of the Bible was written in Greek? _____

Has the Greek New Testament been replaced today with English?

- No Yes

Test on Requirements for Effective Bible Study

In 1 Corinthians 2, the natural man is what kind of man?

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- A carnal Christian
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What did Jesus say about the details of the Bible?

- They are not very important
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What are some ways that the Bible student can help himself concentrate on Bible reading

- Keep the radio on when you are reading
- Do your Bible reading late at night when you are tired
- Read the Bible out loud
- Have your pen in hand ready to write things down
- Have a quiet, private place to study
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- Do your Bible reading in a place where your friends are talking
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If you are worried about something and cannot concentrate on the Bible, what should you do?

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If you are studying the Bible and you realize you need to do something else, what should you do?

- Stop reading the Bible and go do that other thing and then come back to your Bible study
- Write it down so you can do it later and continue with your Bible study

Why does God compare Bible study with searching for silver in Proverbs 2? (check the correct answer or answers)

- Bible study is very valuable
- Bible study should be done in a dark place
- Bible study requires hard work
- Bible study is not very fun

In John 7:17, what did Jesus say is required to know true doctrine?

- I must fast and pray
- I must meditate day and night
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In John 8:31-32, what did Jesus say I must do to know the truth?

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- I must continue in the truth
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Test on Rules of Bible Interpretation

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- Compare scripture with scripture
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- Interpret the Bible by the literal or normal rules of language
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- Verses that are confusing are the best sources for doctrine

What O.T. verse says God gave the Scriptures to reveal truth?

How do you find the meaning to figurative language?

- You look in a dictionary
- You look in the book of Genesis
- You look at the context
- You look at other parts of the Bible where that same expression is used

Allegorical interpretation is dangerous because (choose correct answer or answers)

- It can be used to give any meaning to the Bible
- It is too literal and does not allow for figures of speech

What is the single most important rule of Bible interpretation?

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- Examine the context
- Interpret unclear passages with clear ones
- Parables teach one main truth

Progressive revelation means

- The Old Testament is not dependable
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Test on Dispensationalism

What are some of the Bible words that describe dispensations?

- Years
- Days
- Times
- Ages
- Periods
- Eternal

What study Bible popularized dispensational teaching?

What are three of the dispensations that are past

- The age of innocence
- The iron age
- The stone age
- The age of law
- The age of human government
- The age of Babylon

List two dispensations that are yet to come

1. _____
2. _____

What are some benefits of proper dispensational teaching?

- It shows that salvation is by grace alone in all ages
- It shows that men are saved in different ways in different times
- It helps us to study the Bible within its proper context
- It shows us that Israel and the church are different
- It shows that there are two different churches in the book of Acts

List the verse that teaches that there are Jews, Gentiles, and the Church

List the passage in Romans that teaches that God will yet fulfill His promises to Israel

What are some of the teachings of hyper-dispensationalism? (check the correct answer or answers)

- The first part of the book of Acts is not for the churches today
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- The message of Paul is different from the message of Peter and the other apostles
- Paul preached a different gospel than the one preached by Peter
- Churches should not have pastors and deacons

Test on Using Bible Study Tools

What are some things to beware of when using study Bibles? (choose the correct answer or answers)

- Study Bibles have notes and it is wrong to include notes with the Bible
- Study Bibles can contain heretical notes and comments
- Study Bibles can use the wrong Greek text and undependable translations
- Study Bibles do not have good concordances
- Study Bibles are too big and heavy to carry around

What are the problems with the Scofield study Bible?

- It has a note that says the plagues on Egypt were natural events
- It has a note that says Moses did not write the book of Genesis
- It does have not a proper view of prophecy
- It has a note saying there is a long time gap between Genesis 1:1 and 1:2
- It has notes claiming that the critical Greek text is the best

List the four steps for finding the meaning of a Bible word with a concordance

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Roughly how many cross-references does the *Treasury of Scripture Knowledge* have?

- 5,700 57,000 570,000 5,700,000

If I am trying to find a verse with a concordance, what type of word should I use?

- Any word in the verse The most simple word in the verse
- The most unique word in the verse

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- Use it in the place of a concordance
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Test on Studying Parables of the Bible

What are some of the English words translated by the Greek word *parabole*?

likened unto lay along side of comparison figure proverb

According to Matt. 13, why did Jesus teach in parables? (check correct answer or answers)

- He wanted to make the truth very simple for everyone
 He knew that simple people need to hear parables so they will be interested in the truth
 He wanted to hide the truth from those who did not believe

What is the primary law of interpreting parables?

- A parable is the best source of sound doctrine
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What is the correct meaning of the parable of the Wheat and Tares?

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What is the meaning of the parable of the Mustard Seed?

- The true church will grow in the world until it overcomes all its enemies and rules over all the world
 The true church that Jesus started will be corrupted by false teachers will become a large false thing in the world

What does "leaven" depict in the New Testament? (chosed the correct answer or answers)

righteousness truth church discipline evil false teaching

In the parable of the Talents in Matt. 25 the slothful servant was cast into outer darkness. What does this mean?

- It means a saved person can lose his salvation
 It means the believer must work hard or God will reject him
 It means this man was not a true believer because he did not know the Lord

What is the story of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16? (choose the correct answer or answers)

- It is just a parable and the fire mentioned there is not real
 The rich man was not a real man and the story does not teach literal truth
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SCORE SHEETS

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What verse in Acts 8 is omitted in modern versions? **37**

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What part of the Bible was written in Greek? **New Testament**

Has the Greek New Testament been replaced today with English?

 P No
 Yes

GRADING:

There are 14 correct answers. Mark the wrong answers, multiply times 7.14, then subtract that amount from 100.

SCORE SHEET ON REQUIREMENTS FOR EFFECTIVE BIBLE STUDY

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- I must go to church I must continue in the truth
 I must listen to all of the preachers I must obey my mother and father

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What are some of the rules of Bible interpretation?

- P** Compare scripture with scripture
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Deut. 29:29

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There are 10 correct answers. Mark the wrong answers, multiply times 10, then subtract that amount from 100.

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- The stone age
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- The age of Babylon

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1. **Great Tribulation**
2. **Millennium**

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GRADING: There are 17 correct answers. Mark the wrong answers, multiply times 5.88, then subtract that amount from 100.

SCORE SHEET ON USING BIBLE STUDY TOOLS

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1. **Look up the meaning of the Hebrew or Greek word**
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GRADING: There are 20 correct answers. Mark the wrong answers, multiply times 5, then subtract that amount from 100.

SCORE SHEET ON STUDYING PARABLES OF THE BIBLE

What are some of the English words translated by the Greek word *parabole*?

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- lay along side of
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GRADING: There are 16 correct answers. Mark the wrong answers, multiply times 6.25, then subtract that amount from 100.

