How to Study the Bible

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Test Questions And Teacher Score Sheets

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TESTS

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(TEACHERS ARE WELCOME TO PHOTOCOPY THE TESTS.)
Test on the First Two Sections

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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
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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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___ It can produce a better translation than the old ones
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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

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If you are studying the Bible and you realize you need to do something else, what should you do?
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___ 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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Test on Rules of Bible Interpretation

What are some of the rules of Bible interpretation?
____ Compare scripture with scripture
____ Consider the context
____ Understand Old Testament parallelism
____ Interpret the Bible by the literal or normal rules of language
____ You can learn many new doctrines from parables
____ Use allegorical interpretation
____ Verses that are confusing are the best sources for doctrine

What O.T. verse says God gave the Scriptures to reveal truth?
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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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____ Interpret unclear passages with clear ones
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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

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

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

___ The first part of the book of Acts is not for the churches today
___ Christians should never read the Old Testament
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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 not have 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

What are some of the ways the Bible student can use the Way of Life Encyclopedia of the Bible & Christianity?

____ Use it in the place of a concordance
____ Use it to find the meaning of out of use words and difficult phrases
____ Use it to study extra-biblical Christian terms such as rapture and denomination
____ Use it for a Bible commentary
____ Use it to do topical studies
____ Use it to study Old Testament types
____ Use it to learn how to read Greek and Hebrew
____ Use it to study prophecy
____ Use it to study denominations and cults
____ Use it to study the church

What are some tips for using Bible commentaries?

____ Use commentaries that are based on the right Greek and Hebrew texts
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Test on Studying Parables of the Bible

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

____ likened unto   ____ lay along side of   ____ comparison   ____ figure   ____ proverb

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____ He knew that simple people need to hear parables so they will be interested in the truth
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What is the primary law of interpreting parables?

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What does “leaven” depict in the New Testament? (chose the correct answer or answers)

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

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SCORE SHEETS

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

- 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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  - P Days
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- _11:25_-29

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GRADING: There are 17 correct answers. Mark the wrong answers, multiply times 5.88, then subtract that amount from 100.
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**GRADING:** There are 16 correct answers. Mark the wrong answers, multiply times 6.25, then subtract that amount from 100.