

BIBLE STUDY TIPS

1. Realize the **KJV (AV 1611) Bible** is God's **perfect words** to mankind; it **IS NOT** just another book that men wrote with some good ideas in it. - Ps. 12:6-7, 119:89,140,152,160; Prov. 30:5-6; Matt. 24:35; Luke 4:4; John 17:17; 1 Pet. 1:25
2. You must approach all Bible study with a reverent, humble, believing, and obedient heart, and be willing to change your beliefs to conform to what the scriptures actually say. - Deut. 30:14; 1 Kings 17:17-24 (this passage also refutes the JW false doctrine of "soul sleep" cf. Gen. 35:16-19); James 1:22
3. You must **be willing to learn**, i.e. **be teachable**. - Job 6:24; Ps. 25:4-5, 86:11, Ps. 119:12,33,64-68,124,135, 143:10
4. You must be willing to **search for truth** like digging for **hidden treasure**, i.e. no laziness or slothfulness. - Prov. 2:1-7, 18:9, 21:25, 24:30-34; Jer. 29:13
5. God commands all of us to read, study, and meditate on the Bible regularly and consistently.- Josh. 1:8 ("success" 1X in KJV); Ps. 19:14; Isa. 34:16; Rev. 1:3
6. You must **SPEND QUALITY TIME** seeking God 1) early in the morning and 2) early in life. - Ps. 1:2, 63:1,6, 119:15-18,97-108; Prov. 8:17; Isa. 26:9
7. You must obey God's command to STUDY and RIGHTLY DIVIDE. - 2 Tim. 2:15
 - A. Every verse in the Bible has **three applications**: 1) **Historical**
2) **Doctrinal** (which is sometimes Prophetic) and 3) **Practical** (aka the Spiritual / Inspirational / or Devotional Application)
 - B. **CONTEXT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL**: - Always understand **WHO** is speaking; **TO WHOM** is being spoken, **WHEN** the speaking takes place, and **WHAT** is actually being said. - Example: Gen. 3:1-6
 - C. There is but **ONE correct interpretation**, but there are often **MANY relevant applications**, but don't confuse the two. - 2 Pet. 1:20-21
 - D. We must rightly divide God's righteousness from man's righteousness, by understanding: **Position** vs. **Practice** (aka **Salvation** vs. **Service** or **Standing** vs. **State**). - Rom. 10:3-4; Ps. 24:5; Isa. 64:6; Jer. 23:6; 2 Cor. 5:21
8. **Compare & Contrast** verses with the same or similar words. - 1 Cor. 2:13
 - A. The KJV is **God's dictionary** that defines its own terms. Two examples: "**churlish**"- 1 Sam. 25:3 cf. Isa. 32:5-7; "**prating**"- Prov. 10:8,10 cf. 3 John 1:10
 - B. The KJB is **self-interpreting**, e.g. Ex. 20:13 says "**Thou shalt not kill.**" Christ interprets this verse in Matt. 19:18 as "**Thou shalt do no murder**" Therefore, the proper **scriptural interpretation** is that killing someone 1) in self-defense or 2) in time of war is **not condemned by the Scriptures**, since in these cases killing is **not murder**.
9. Use a journal to write down what the Holy Spirit shows you, answers to prayer, and other spiritual lessons and insights. - Isa. 30:8; Rev. 1:19
10. Mark and cross-reference your Bible as God reveals truth to you. - Jer. 23:18