

Bible 101: Getting the Most Out of Personal Bible Study

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Text: Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

What does the Bible say about the importance of Bible study?

1. What do the following verses convey about the importance of studying Scripture?

a. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

b. Proverbs 3:5

c. Hosea 4:6

d. Matthew 22:29

e. Isaiah 55:11

f. John 6:68-69

g. Jeremiah 15:16

h. Revelation 1:3

i. Joshua 1:8

j. Jeremiah 29:11

What various counsel does Ellen White give regarding the importance of Bible study?

2. List some of your favorite quotes and why they are helpful to you.

a. _____

- b. _____
- c. _____

Martin Luther’s approach to Bible study.

3. How does Luther’s approach to Bible study help your personal efforts to study Scripture?

“I study my Bible as I gather apples. First, I shake the whole tree that the ripest might fall. Then I shake each limb, and when I have shaken each limb, I shake each branch and every twig. Then I look under every leaf. I search the Bible as a whole like shaking the whole tree. Then I shake every limb—study book after book. Then I shake every branch, giving attention to the chapters when they do not break the sense. Then I shake every twig, or a careful study of the paragraphs and sentences and words and their meanings.”

Ten factors to consider when studying the Bible.

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

What are six things you can think about in making plans to study the Bible?

- 1. The Big Picture.

- 2. Read the Book.

- 3. Chapter and Verse.

- 4. Issue of the Moment.

- 5. Word Study.

- 6. Pick a Person.
