

Using Your Owner's Manual

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Week 1
Bible Study Methods
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2 Timothy 3:17 (Ph) "The Scriptures are the comprehensive equipment of the man of God, and fit him fully for all of his good works."

I. Why do I need the Bible?

1. To help me _____
2 Tim 3:15 (LB) "The scriptures...make you wise to accept God's salvation by trusting in Christ"
1 Tim 6:21 (LB) "Some people have missed the important thing in life - they don't know God"
2. To teach me the _____
2 Samuel 7:28 "You are God! Your words are trustworthy"
Ps. 12:6 (LB) "God speaks no careless word; all he says is purest truth"
John 8:32 "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free"
3. To show me _____ to _____
2 Tim 3:16 (Ph) "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the faith, correcting error, resetting the direction of a man's life and training him for good living."
Ps. 119:19 (LB) I am pilgrim here on earth: I need a map - and your commands are my chart and guide"
4. To give me _____
Heb. 4:12 (LB) "For whatever God says to us is full of living power..."

II. 5 Benefits of Bible Study

1. I get _____ (Beginner level)
Hosea 4:6 "My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge"

GOAL: That I'll know the **WORD** of God

Mark 12:24 (LB) "Jesus said 'Your trouble is that you don't know the scriptures...'"

HOW? By _____ it.

2. I gain _____ (Level 2)
Pr. 14:12 "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death."

GOAL: That I'll understand the **MIND** of God

Is 55:8 (LB) (God speaking) "This plan of mine is not what you would work out, neither are my thoughts the same as yours!"

Eph. 1:18 (LB) "I pray... that you can see something of the future he has called you to share."

HOW? By _____ it.

3. I develop _____ (Level 3)

Heb. 5:14 "Solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil."

Duet 5:29 (LB) (God's desire) "Oh, that they would always have such heart for me, wanting to obey my commandments. Then all would go well with them in the future...!"

GOAL: That I'll share the **VALUES** of God.

HOW? _____
Joshua 1:8 "Meditate on God's word day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."

4. I sharpen my _____ (Level 4)

Eccl. 10:10 "If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed but skill will bring success"

GOAL: That I'll do the **WILL** of God

James 1:22 "Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves."

HOW? By _____
Matt. 7:24,26 (Jesus) "Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock...But everyone who hears these words of mine and doesn't put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on the sand."

5. I build _____ (Deepest level)

Jude 1:20 (LB) "Build up your lives ever more strongly upon the foundation of our faith"

Col. 3:10 (TLB) "...Continually learning more and more of what is right, and trying constantly to be more and more like Christ..."

GOAL: That I'll become **LIKE** Christ