



HOW
TO STUDY
THE BIBLE

STUDYING THE BIBLE
TEACHING SERIES



FOUNDATIONS OF BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION



1. OBSERVATION:

a. Aspects of Observation:

- ❖ What is being said
(Content/Facts)?
- ❖ How is it being said
(Form/Composition)?

b. Keys to observation:

- ❖ Read/reread the text (Be thorough).
- ❖ Meditate on the text.
- ❖ Memorize the text.

c. Helpful hints:

- ❖ Use pencil/paper.
- ❖ Look at the 'big' picture.
- ❖ Organize observations logically.

2. CORRELATION:

a. Keys to Correlation:

- ❖ Use the concordance.
- ❖ Cross reference only main issues.

3. INTERPRETATION:

a. Two aspects of interpretation:

❖ Evaluation

❖ Meaning

b. How to evaluate the interpretation:

- ❖ Determine the purpose.
- ❖ Determine the audience.
- ❖ Determine the focus.

c. Suggestions for help with interpretation:

- ❖ Do a word study of important words.
- ❖ Try to reword the passage.

4. APPLICATION:

a. Aspects of Application:

- ❖ How applicable is the message?
- ❖ To whom is the message applicable?

b. Points of importance in
Application:

- ❖ Purpose of the author.
- ❖ When was the passage written?

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- ❖ Conditions when the passage was written.
 - ❖ Why was the passage written?

c. Personalization- making the Bible speak to you:

- ❖ Is there a question of belief, attitudes, sin, behavior, examples, and relationship?
- ❖ Quote the passage using your name.
Ex: God so loved *(your name here ...)*