

Bible Study

Principles & Practices
for Serious Bible Study

1. Survey the Text

- Read
- Re-Read
- Initial Big Idea

2. Investigate Context

- THEN and THERE!
- Literary: "What is this text trying to DO to its original readers?" "What might have prompted or caused the author to write this section to his original readers?"
- A text cannot mean now what it never meant then
- Historical
- Occasion for Writing

3. Filter for Genre

- Poetry?
- Parable?
- Covenantal Law?
- Prophecy?
- Apocalyptic?
- Narrative?

4. Detail the Content

- What does it say
- What do the words mean
- Compare Literal Translations
- Are there key terms or ideas whose meaning may be explained by looking elsewhere in the same book?

5. Synthesize it All

- Pr 22:17-19

6. Apply it

- James 1:22-25
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- Ps 139:23-24
- Ps 119:18
- Resources ready
- Relax & Request God's guidance
- Reverence Ps 89:7

2. Read

- Deliberately
- Slowly
- Repeatedly

3. Reflect

- Picture it
- Pronounce it
- Paraphrase it
- Personalize it
- Pray it

4. Record

- Promise to Claim
- Command to Obey
- Sin to Avoid/Confess
- Example to Imitate
- Teaching to Believe
- Question to Resolve
- Challenge to Accept

5. Remember

- Pr 22:17-19

6. Resolve

- James 1:22-25

7. Reply

- Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication
- Praise, Confess, Thank, Request
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