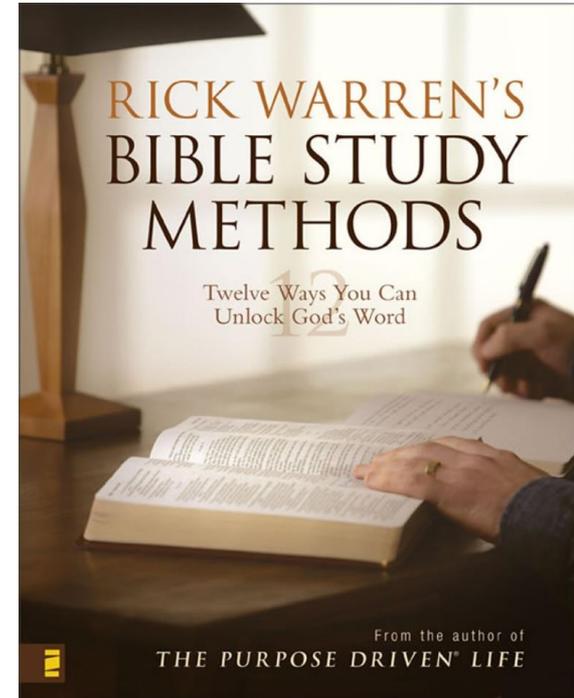
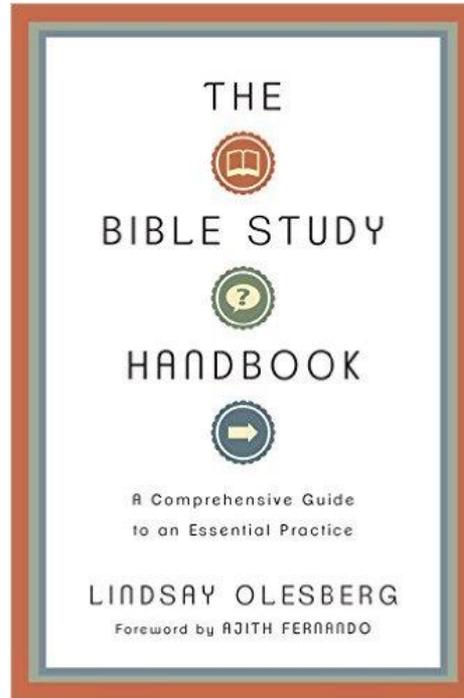
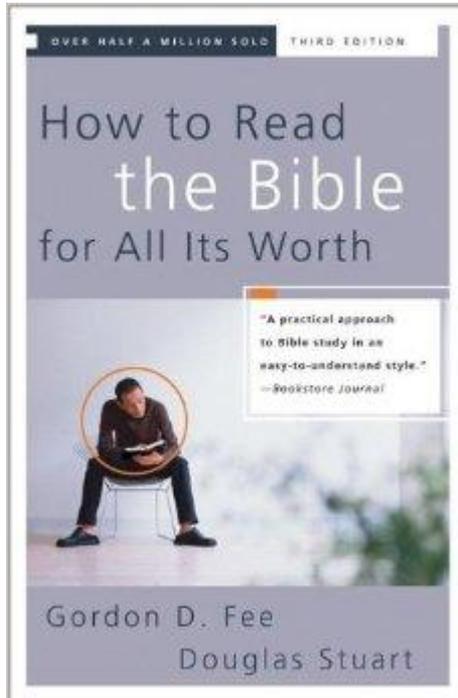


Principles of Bible Study



Book Recommendations



4 Keys to Bible Study Preparation

- 1. Schedule your Bible study time** - Bible study is different from devotion time or worship and prayer. Schedule some time that works for you. Be realistic with your goals and be consistent. Learn to walk before you run.
- 2. Keep a notebook** - Read through your selected passage first without stopping. Get a good overall grasp of what is taking place or being said, then work through the text taking notes. It can be difficult to stay focused. Its good to start your notes with a goal for your study. Using an app to take notes on a PC or mobile device is a great help.

4 Keys to Bible Study Preparation

3. Get the right tools - There are plenty of tools online to aid Bible Study. It is good to build a library of books and online resources that you trust. Do your own study first and don't rely on commentaries to help you through the hurdles. If you don't understand a passage, read it again, pray, and work through it - its worth it.

4. Spend time in prayer before each study - The Holy Spirit is our teacher. Ask Him for help understanding the Word He wrote through men. You have exclusive access to the author of this book. The Spirit brings illumination of the Word. Part of this process is opening our hearts to the examination of the Spirit. Unconfessed sin will hinder us from hearing from God and understanding His Word.

Living by the Book

Dr. Howard Hendricks

[Unit 1 – Why Study the Bible?](#)

Why Study the Bible?

Personal Bible study is ...

1. **Essential to Grow** - 1 Peter 2:2
Developing an attitude and an appetite for the Word
2. **Essential to Spiritual Maturity** – Hebrews 5:11-14 -
Deficiency in hearing, discipline and develop maturity
3. **Essential to Spiritual Effectiveness** – 2 Timothy 3:16-17
All scripture is profitable

Living by the Book

Dr. Howard Hendricks

[Unit 2 – What is Personal Bible Study?](#)

What is Personal Bible Study?

Methodical Method – Involves taking certain steps, in a certain order, to guarantee a certain result

1. **Observation** – ask & answer – **What do I see?**
2. **Interpretation** – ask & answer – **What does it mean?**
3. **Application** – ask & answer – **How does it work?**

What is Personal Bible Study?

- Good **observation** always produces excellent and accurate **interpretation**, and unless you have accurate **interpretation**, then you have illegitimate **application**
- The methodical method has a view to become receptive and reproductive – the Word and the person producing fruit.
- Our public ministry is a product of our personal study

What is Personal Bible Study?

4 reasons to maintain a first-hand acquaintance with the Word

1. Enable you to think for yourself – not merely re-arranging your prejudices or simply echoing what someone else has said without the conviction of personal Bible study.
2. Enable you to evaluate different opinions

What is Personal Bible Study?

- 4 reasons to maintain a first-hand acquaintance with the Word
3. Enable you to have the personal joy of discovery – Why don't we get more excited about the Truth? We need to see the truth for ourselves.
 4. Enable you to fall in love with the Author – you can't fall in love and have a relationship by proxy or from a distance.