

Principles of Bible Study



Key Approach to Bible Study

Exegesis (*to guide out*) – Critical explanation or interpretation of a text. The process of going to the text to determine meaning, to “bring out” the interpretation.

Eisegesis (*to guide in*) – Interpretation of the text based on subjective, non-analytical reading. The process of one injecting their own ideals into the text, making it mean what they want. Ignoring the rules of interpretation.

Bible Study Tools

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[BibleStudyTools.com](https://www.biblestudytools.com)

[QBible.com](https://www.qbible.com)

[ESVBible.org](https://www.esvbible.org)

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12 Bible Study Methods

1. Devotional Method
2. The Chapter Summary Method
3. Character Quality Method
4. Thematic Method
5. Biographical Method
6. Topical Method
7. Word Study Method
8. Book Background Method
9. Book Survey Method
10. Chapter Analysis Method
11. Book Synthesis Method
12. Verse-by-verse Method

5 Principles of Dynamic Bible Study

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The secret of dynamic Bible study is knowing how to ask the right kinds of questions

- Be inquisitive, ask questions about the text
- Your question-asking process will change depending on the method of study
- Develop the art of asking questions

Matthew 12:9-13

Luke 14:25-27

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Dynamic Bible study involves writing down what you have observed and discovered

- Its not Bible study until you write something down
- Writing helps you form and organize your thoughts
- Start a spiritual notebook – record thoughts, insights, and ideas

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The ultimate goal of dynamic Bible study is application, not just interpretation

- “The Bible was not given to increase our knowledge, but to change our lives” – D. L. Moody
- Your study is incomplete without application
- Spiritual growth is Knowledge & Experience

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Dynamic Bible study means that God's Word must be studied systematically

- No “Cafeteria style” Bible study
- Need a plan – Character, word, book study...
- Observe, Ask, Interpret, Cross ref, Apply
- Move from general to specific
- Go from overview to detailed to summary

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In dynamic Bible study you will never exhaust the riches in any one passage

- Truth builds on truth
- Scripture interprets scripture
- Ask! The Holy Spirit will give illumination
- You will discover more as you learn to think in Christ and think relationally