

## **Part 3: How to Study the Bible for All It's Worth**

### **Transformation by The Word—a testimony by Tempe Brown**

#### **How do you study the Bible for All It's Worth?**

Begin by choosing a sound readable study bible in the correct print size

**--visit the Bible Station Today and get a study bible--**

#### **Establish a Daily Appointment with God**

- Private place with NO DISTRACTIONS
- Comfortable yet workable place
- Put it in your Schedule
- Select best time when you are ready

#### **Devise a Bible Study Plan**

- Book in the Bible (suggestion: Philippians)
- Person in the Bible
- Topic in the Bible
- Chapter in the Bible
- Word in the Bible

**CAUTION: It Takes Hard Work! (2 Timothy 2:15 & Acts 17:11)**

#### **Priority #1 Discover the Original Intended Meaning of the Text**

**Step 1: Pray!** *Open my eyes that I may see the wonderful things in your Word.*

*Psalms 119:18*

#### **Step 2: REVIEW the Basics of the Book**

##### Questions

1. Where is it located? (OT or NT-section)
2. Who is the author?
3. What is the setting/historical background?
4. When was it written?
5. Who was it written to?
6. What is the outline?
7. What is the purpose?

8. What type of literature is it?

**Basics found in a Study Bible**

**Example: Basics of Philippians**

**Step 3: READ the Text (and context) Over & Over**

ALWAYS read what comes before & after selected text

NEVER Only Read 1 Verse

“Any Text Without A Context is a Pretext for a Proof text” Dr. D.A. Carson

**Step 4: RECORD Your Observations**

- Record Words, Phrases, Clauses
- Record Questions
- Record Grammatical Issues (similes, metaphors; rhetorical ?, symbols)
- Record Peculiarities
- Record Thoughts & Impressions
- Record Cross References

**Step 5: RESEARCH Your Observations**

**Resources**

1. Study Bible
2. Concordances: lists all words alphabetically
3. Bible Dictionaries & Bible Encyclopedias
4. Bible Handbooks
5. Atlases
6. Commentaries
7. Bible Software: Logos Bible Software ([www.logos.com](http://www.logos.com))

**Step 6: REFLECT on Your Findings and Write down God's original intended meaning in one paragraph**

**Example of steps 1-6: Philippians 1:9-11:** <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

**Review**

Priority #1: *Discover the Original Intended Meaning of the Text*

Step 1: PRAY

Step 2: REVIEW the Basics

Step 3: READ the Text over & over

Step 4: RECORD Your Observations

Step 5: RESEARCH Your Observations

Step 6: REFLECT on Your Findings & Write Down Original Intended Meaning

**Challenge:** Study the book of Philippians This Week using steps 1-6

**Learn The Word—Love The Word—Live The Word**