Bible Study Methods

Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth

Observation

Lesson #2 June 12, 2016

Bible Study Methods

1. Preparation

Saved and sanctified and praying

2. Observation

- What does the text say?
- Psalm 119:18 "Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Your law."

Bible Study Methods

- 1. Preparation
- 2. Observation
- 3. Interpretation
 - O What does the text mean?
- 4. Application
 - How do I respond?

You must do all the steps in this order!!!

Select a text

- > A shorter passage is more manageable
- Select a text that includes the whole argument
- Use the paragraph breaks in your English Bible
 - Use multiple English translations!

¹⁵ Therefore [then]

Conjunction: connects words/phrases/paragraphs together

15 Therefore [then]be careful [See]

- ➤ Verb command
- > Active voice

Therefore [then]
be careful [See]
how you walk [walk circumspectly]

Adverb (how): modifies a verb

¹⁵ **Therefore** [then]

be careful [See]



how you walk [walk circumspectly]

not as unwise men [fools]

but as wise,

- Conjunction (as): comparative (2x)
- Conjunction (but): adversative

¹⁵ **Therefore** [then] be careful [See]

how you walk [walk circumspectly]

not as unwise men [fools]

but as wise,

making the most of your time,

16

- > Participle (making): verbal-adjective
- Intensive (most): places emphasis

¹⁵ **Therefore** [then] be careful [See] how you walk [walk circumspectly]

not as unwise men [fools] but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. 16

Conjunction (because): causal

NASB

¹⁵ Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of your time, because the days are evil.

- o Therefore
- o walk
- o 1 sentence
- o unwise
- o making
- o of your time
- because the days are evil

NLT

¹⁵ So be careful how you live.

Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.

- o So
- o live
- o 3 sentences
- o fools
- o make
- of every opportunity
- o in these evil days

Translation Continuum

Interlinear Translation

Lexham English Bible (LEB)

American Standard Version (ASV)

Modern English Version (MEV)

Amplified Bible (AMP)

King James Version (KJV)

New King James Version (NKJV)

New American Standard Bible - 1977 (NASB)

New American Standard Bible - 1995 Update (NASBU)

Revised Standard Version (RSV)

English Standard Version (ESV)

Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB)

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) ^

New American Bible (NAB)

International Standard Version (ISV) ^

New International Version (NIV)

New English Translation (NET) ^

Today's New International Version (TNIV) ^

New Jerusalem Bible (NJB)

New Century Version (NCV) ^

Revised English Bible (REB) ^

New Living Translation (NLT) ^

New International Reader's Version (NIrV)

Good News Translation (GNT)

Common English Bible (CEB) ^

Contemporary English Version (CEV) ^

God's Word (GW)

Easy to Read Version (ERV) ^

The Voice (TV)

Living Bible (TLB)

Phillips Modern Translation (PMT)

Eugene Peterson Bible - The Message (MSG)

^ Indicates varying degrees of gender neutral language

Most common translations in **bold**

Word-for-Word (Formal Equivalent or Literal Translation)

Thought-for-Thought
(Dynamic Equivalent or
Mediating Translation)



2 John 1:1

The elder to the chosen lady and her children (NASB)

From the elder, to an elect lady and her children (NET)

This letter is from John, the elder. I am writing to the chosen lady and to her children (NLT)

How to slow down

- Read from a different language (Hebrew/Greek, Spanish, French, German)
- 2. Read from multiple translations (note differences/similarities)
- 3. Write out the text
- 4. Memorize the text
- 5. Pray