

Bible Study Methods
Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth

Application

Lesson #5
July 3, 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.”

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3. Interpretation

- What does the text mean?
- **2 Timothy 2:15** ...“accurately handling the word of truth.”
- Continue to avoid study helps at this time.

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4. Evaluation

- Consult all commentaries, Study Bibles, sermons...
- EXERCISE DISCERNMENT!!!

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- 5. Application**

- What do I do? How do I respond?

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

“doers of the word” James 1:22

“pure” Psalm 119:9, 11

Direction: Psalm 119:105

Understanding/discernment: Psalm 119:130

Encouragement/hope: Romans 15:4

1 Corinthians 14:3

- **Spiritual strengthening**
- **Exhortation**
- **Comfort**

Sanctification: Ephesians 5:26

Colossians 1:28

- **Counsel**
- **Teaching**
- **Maturity**

“comfort” 1 Thessalonians 4:18

2 Timothy 3:15-17

- **Salvation**
- **Teaching**
- **Reproof**
- **Correction**
- **Make ready for service**

2 Timothy 4:2

- **Reprove**
- **Rebuke**
- **Exhort**

“judges thoughts/intentions” Hebrews 4:12

Assurance: 1 John 5:13

Questions to ask

- **Is there a command to obey?**
- **Is there an example to follow?**
- **Is there a sin to avoid?**
- **Is there a warning against false teaching?**
- **Is there a doctrine/promise to believe?**