

3. Become a _____ of the Word.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.
²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

James 1:22-25 NIV

Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning. ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:9, 10 NIV

Read _____ – Read big gulps. When you study pay attention to context

Read _____ – Read it as it was meant to be read

Read _____ – Read and learn together with others



The Bible, as the Word of God, is Truth and has authority for all people.

_____ and _____

Five Helpful Questions:

- 1) Is there a COMMAND to obey?
- 2) Is there an EXAMPLE to follow?
- 3) Is there a PROMISE to claim?
- 4) Is there a SIN to avoid?
- 5) Is there a PRINCIPLE to follow?

Next Sunday:

Jesus is the ONLY Way to God?
You're Putting too Much Faith in a Book.
Are there many paths to God?

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But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. 1 Peter 3:15 NIV

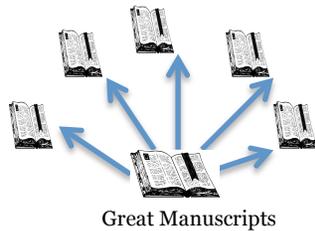
Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. ¹⁶ Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. ¹⁷ Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸ who have departed from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some. ¹⁹ Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness." 2 Timothy 2:15-19 NIV

1. We have many translations of the Bible that we can _____.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
Romans 15:4 NIV

Two Basic Goals of Translators:

_____ and _____



We have “many translations.”
This increases our trust in the Bible.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
John 1:1-5 NIV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
John 1:1 ESV

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god.
² This one was in the beginning with God.
John 1:1, 2 The World Translation ~ Jehovah Witness Bible*

2. Become a _____ of the Bible. Learning to handle God’s Word _____.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.
2 Timothy 2:15 NIV

Handling God’s Word is as much attitude as it is aptitude.

- a. What did the author mean?
- b. What did the original audience hear?
- c. What does it mean for us today?
- d. How does the Holy Spirit want me to apply this?

“I have a great confidence in the Bible.
I believe that it is true in all that it teaches.”

When we say that we can take the Bible literally we are taking into account the literary forms and the intentions of the author.

Poetry	Proverbs	Parables	Allegory
Metaphors	Similes	Hyperboles	Satire
and more . . .			

Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.”
Revelation 5:5 NIV

So if your eye—even your good eye—causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁹ And if your hand—even your stronger hand—causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. Matthew 5:29, 30 NIV

We can have confidence enough in the Scriptures and the translations of the Scriptures that we allow them to teach us, rebuke us, correct us, and train us.