

Helps For Bible Study

Bible study:

- Exciting
- Edifying
- Enjoyable
- Hard work (Ec.12:12)
 - Gal.3:27
 - Mt.15:7-9

I. What Helps Profitable Bible Study?

1. Equipment

Architecture: of restored walls of a city

Medicine: pharmacist successfully mixes ingredients to make potion to heal sick person

Surgeon: puts dislocated member back in place (restoring use of arm / leg)

Fisherman: repairs nets, Mt.4:21

Educator: complete instruction to child so that he may lead an adult life.

Trainer: adjusts parts of the body...

1. Equipment

2 Co.13:11, mend your ways...

Gal.6:1, overtaken in fault...

Ep.4:11-12, equipping ('God's people for service')

“The whole organization of the church is ordained ‘for the preparing (lit., the **getting just right**) of the saints for the work of ministry...making them fit for service, in a position to work in their positions and according to their abilities for the building up of the body of Christ’) – Spicq II 274

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1 Th.3:10, complete what is lacking in faith

Hb.13:21, make complete in every good thing;
adapting to an end

1. Equipment
2. Exploration

What do I see?

What does this verse mean to me?

- Sherlock
- Mortimer Adler

1. Equipment

2. Exploration

How to Read a Book – M. Adler (1/2)

- ◆ Good books are over your head; they would not be good for you if they were not (48).
- ◆ The pencil is a sign of your alertness while you read (ib.).
- ◆ An author's propositions are nothing but expressions of personal opinion unless they are supported by reasons (115).
- ◆ We must know how to learn from books, which are absent teachers (ib.).

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How to Read a Book – M. Adler (2/2)

- ◆ To agree without understanding is inane [empty; lacking sense / meaning]. To disagree without understanding is impudent (143).
- ◆ Great writers have always been great readers... In many cases, they read fewer books than are now required in most of our colleges, but what they did read, they read well. Because they had mastered these books, they became peers with their authors (166). Ep.3:4

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What do I see?

What does this verse mean to me?

1. Read attentively. Mt.4:4
2. Read regularly. Ps.19:10
 - Entire books at one sitting.
 - Compare translations. Ph.2:3.
 - Give it priority. Lk.10:...42

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What do I see?

What does this verse mean to me?

1. Read attentively. Mt.4:4
2. Read regularly. Ps.19:10
3. Read orally. Ac.8:30
4. Keep a journal.
5. Read inquiringly. Who? What? . . .
6. Meditate on reading. Ps.1:1-2; 119:97...
7. BOLO

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7. BOLO

- Things that are repeated: words, thoughts
Jn.4:19-24
- Amount of space given to topic:
Gn.37-50; Hb.11
- Connected / linked by common bond:
Mt.13
- Contrasted or compared:
But ... And ... For ... Therefore ... As

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3. Effect

What does it mean to me?

1. Approved example to follow? 1 Co.1
2. Unapproved example to avoid? 1 Co.5
3. Fact to believe? 1 Co.15
4. Command to obey? 1 Co.16
5. Promise to receive? 1 Co.10:13
6. Verse to memorize / apply? 1 Co.10:12
7. Change to make in conduct? Ro.12

I. What Helps Profitable Bible Study?

II. Bible Study Illustrated
(Gal.1:1-12)

1 Paul, an **apostle**
(not from men nor through
man,
but through Jesus Christ and
God the Father who raised
Him from the dead),

2 and all the brethren who are
with me, To the churches of
Galatia:

3 Grace to you
and peace
from God the Father and our
Lord Jesus Christ,

1 authority: listen! 2 answer:
lies c. him. 3 ambass.: loyalty.
Paul not w. Jesus in earthly
ministry; twelve apostles,
Mt.10:2; Paul = 13.

Ac.13:1-3: some fr. ch's (men)
Ga.1-2: apostle of Christ.

Ga.2:12, Judaizers fr. men...

Are Judaizers 'with' him?

Ch's. ...Galatia. Circular?

(1 Pt.1:1)

Grace → v.6; 5:4: stay in it.

Peace, 'all is well'; ct. 6-9.

Thus, Jesus is more than man.

Cf. Jn.3:16; 10:11.

⁴ who **gave Himself** for our sins, that He might **deliver** us from this present evil age,

according to the **will** of our God and Father,

⁵ to whom *be glory* forever and ever. Amen. [No thanksgiving . . .]

Rescue. Ac.7:10, Jo.; 34, Is.; 12:11, Peter.

Age: opposes God, 2 Co.4:4 – tyrant from whom we need to be rescued.

He wills to restore lost child. Lk.15:11...

Some tyrant!!

Ep.3:21. Radiance of His presence.

Judaizers minimize God's work of redemption

⁶ I marvel that you are turning away so soon

from Him who called you in the **grace** of Christ, to a different gospel,

⁷ which is not another;
but there are **some**
who trouble you
and want to
pervert the gospel of Christ.

Desert an army (turncoat);
Soon after their conversion?
His last visit? Jud. visit?

2 Th.2:14. v.3; 5:4.

3:1, bewitched. 2 Co.11:3-4.

Not another

‘**Some**’: 2 Co.10:2, 7, 10-12.

Trouble: disturb, 5:7; Ac.15:24

Want = try to. 4:17; 6:12-13.

Pervert: distort, misrepresent.

Counterfeiters! [Not many
ways to heaven, Jn.14:6.]

⁸ But **even if** we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you,

let him be accursed.

[Ro.9:3. 'May divine curse rest upon him.']

⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again, **if anyone** preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

Hypothetical: apostle, angel: no one has right to alter message. 2 Co.11:14.

¹Apostles: highest delegated authority.

²Angels: highest created authority.

Ct. synods, counsels, Ac.5:29.

► Dt.4:2; 29:19-20; Rv.22...

Reality: this is no personality conflict.

Rec'd. – also v.12. Harsh?
Too severe?