

# How to Study the Bible

## Part Two

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- To Understand the Bible:
  - We must have the help of the Holy Spirit.
  - We must work \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We must let the Bible speak for itself.
  - We must apply the principles of correct \_\_\_\_\_.
- Last Week:
  - The Help of the Holy Spirit
    - He is the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_.
    - He lives within every believer.
    - He \_\_\_\_\_ us to a correct understanding of God's Word.
    - We must have His help to rightly understand the Scriptures.
    - We receive His help:
      - By being \_\_\_\_\_.
      - By being right with God.
      - By getting God's Word into our minds and hearts by every possible means.
        - "Digging daily and \_\_\_\_\_"
    - By \_\_\_\_\_ for it.
- This Week:
  - The Hard Work Required
    - God works through \_\_\_\_\_ people.
    - God wants His children to work hard to interpret His Word correctly.
    - God warns us of the \_\_\_\_\_ of not rightly dividing the Word.
    - God recommends a good approach to studying your Bible.
- The Hard Work Required
  - God works through willing people.
    - You must depend 100% on God's help.
    - You must bring \_\_\_\_\_% of your own effort to the task.
      - Philippians 2:12-13: \_\_\_\_\_
  - God wants His children to work hard to interpret His Word correctly.
    - 2 Tim. 2:15: \_\_\_\_\_
      - Study = "to make haste, make a \_\_\_\_\_ effort, work hard, exert oneself"
      - Rightly dividing = "to cut \_\_\_\_\_, handle correctly and skillfully"

- Proper interpretation will require diligent study and \_\_\_\_\_ skill.
- God warns us of the consequences of not rightly dividing the Word.
  - 2 Pet. 3:15-18: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Vs. 16—what we’re not supposed to do
      - Unlearned = “untaught, \_\_\_\_\_”
      - Unstable = “unsettled, unestablished, unsteadfast”
      - Wrest = “to \_\_\_\_\_, turn, distort”
    - Vs. 18—what we are supposed to do
      - \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s Word!
        - See also 1 Pet. 2:2: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2 Cor. 2:17: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Corrupt = “to \_\_\_\_\_, corrupt truth for personal gain”
    - We must not be numbered with those who \_\_\_\_\_ the meaning of God’s Word
      - See also 2 Cor. 4:2: \_\_\_\_\_
    - The right way to teach others:
      - As of sincerity = total purity, \_\_\_\_\_ of motive
      - As of God = as coming from Him
      - In the sight of God = fully aware of \_\_\_\_\_
      - In Christ = in sphere of Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ
  - James 3:1: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Masters = “teachers, instructors”
    - Teachers will be subject to a greater \_\_\_\_\_ (judgment).
- God recommends a good \_\_\_\_\_ to studying your Bible:
  - Six action words (I Tim. 4:13-16): \_\_\_\_\_
    - Give attendance = \_\_\_\_\_ your attention
    - \_\_\_\_\_ not = not careless or unconcerned
    - Meditate = \_\_\_\_\_, ponder, carefully practice
    - Give thyself wholly = keep being, constantly be
    - Take heed = \_\_\_\_\_ paying attention
    - Continue = stay by, stick to something