

**How to Study the Bible**  
**Part Eleven**  
**December 6, 2023**

- Bible Study Resources
  - Basic resources:
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Bibles
    - Parallel Bibles
    - Concordances
    - Commentaries
    - Bible \_\_\_\_\_
    - Bible encyclopedias
  - \_\_\_\_\_ resources:
    - Bible survey books
    - Bible manners and customs books
    - Bible atlases
    - Bible \_\_\_\_\_
      - A little of all of the above
  - Advanced resources:
    - \_\_\_\_\_ Bibles
    - Greek and Hebrew lexicons
    - Word study books
    - Computer \_\_\_\_\_
- A “Test Drive” in 1 Timothy
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Verse
    - 1 Tim. 3:15, *“But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.”*
  - Theme: “The proper \_\_\_\_\_ of pastors and people in the local church.”
  - Other themes:
    - A good \_\_\_\_\_
    - Keeping the faith
    - Fighting a good \_\_\_\_\_
  - Key words:
    - \_\_\_\_\_ (6x), exhort (2x), teach (6x), “the faith” (6x), command/commandment (4x), conscience (4x), blameless (3x)
  - Outline of the epistle:
    - The charge to edify the house of God (1:1-1:20)
    - The \_\_\_\_\_ of people in the house of God (2:1-2:15)
    - The composition of \_\_\_\_\_ in the house of God (3:1-13)
    - The conduct of the pastor in the house of God (3:14-5:3)

- The correct oversight of the house of God (4:4-6:2)
    - The charges to the pastor of the house of God (6:3-21)
  - Outline of chapter 1, “The Charge to \_\_\_\_\_ the House of God”:
    - A Greeting to Timothy (vs. 1-2)
    - A \_\_\_\_\_ for Timothy (vs. 3-4)
    - Some Reminders for Timothy (vs. 5-17)
      - Reminders about \_\_\_\_\_ Teachers (vs. 5-7)
      - Reminders about the Law (vs. 8-11)
      - Reminders about Paul’s \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 12-14, 16-17)
      - Reminders about the Gospel (vs. 15)
    - A \_\_\_\_\_ to Timothy (vs. 18-20)
      - A Positive Admonition (vs. 18-19a)
      - A Negative \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 19b-20)
- Basic Resources
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Bible
    - Arranges two or more English translations in a side-by-side format for easy comparison while reading
    - Strengths:
      - Devotional reading
      - Reading \_\_\_\_\_
      - Some interpretation
  - Bible Concordance
    - An alphabetized \_\_\_\_\_ of words in the English Bible, with lists of verses where each word is found
    - Some also identify the underlying Greek or Hebrew word in each case by \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Comes in two varieties:
      - Abridged
        - Selected instances of selected words
        - Example: back of study Bible
      - \_\_\_\_\_
        - Every instance of every word
        - Examples: Strong’s, Young’s, Cruden’s
        - \_\_\_\_\_ is by far the best and most commonly used.
    - Strengths:
      - Quick verse \_\_\_\_\_
      - Synthetic Bible study
      - Cross-referencing
      - Basic \_\_\_\_\_ study
  - Bible Commentary
    - An author’s \_\_\_\_\_ on the meaning of Scripture

- Comes in two varieties:
  - \_\_\_\_\_
    - More in-depth, verse-by-verse analysis of Scripture based on literal, historical, grammatical, contextual principles, etc.
  - Devotional
    - More focused on the \_\_\_\_\_ meaning of Scripture
- Comes in two sizes:
  - Multiple volumes
  - \_\_\_\_\_ volume
- Strengths:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ information
  - Explanation of \_\_\_\_\_ passages
  - Proper interpretation and application of Scripture
- Good single-volume commentaries:
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ Bible Commentary
  - The Bible Knowledge Commentary
  - The Moody Bible Commentary
  - The Holman Illustrated Bible Commentary
  - The MacArthur Bible Commentary
  - Matthew \_\_\_\_\_ Commentary
- Bible Dictionaries and Encyclopedias:
  - Similar in that they contain explanations of Bible names, terms, and topics in \_\_\_\_\_ order
  - Differ in the \_\_\_\_\_ and depth of articles written under the various entries
  - Examples:
    - Bible Dictionaries:
      - Unger's, Holman, Parson's, Easton's, Fausset's, Smith's, Nelson's New Illustrated, Anchor Yale, Eerdmans, etc.
    - Bible Encyclopedias:
      - \_\_\_\_\_ Standard Bible Encyclopedia (ISBE)
  - Strengths:
    - Quick lookup of Bible \_\_\_\_\_ and terms
    - Reading comprehension
    - Background information
    - Broad \_\_\_\_\_ and understanding of Bible topics