

HOW TO DO A VERSE ANALYSIS BIBLE STUDY

- A. The objectives of this form of Bible study are:
1. The in-depth analysis of the meaning of a small section of scripture
 2. The application of specific truths to your life
- B. Preparation
1. A quiet, well lighted room, and uninterrupted time
 2. Avoid using paraphrased Bibles.
 3. Reference books such as a topical Bible, Bible dictionary, English dictionary, Bible concordance, Bible handbook, and other Bible translations, etc.
 4. Paper and pencil
 5. Begin with prayer for wisdom, attentiveness, and obedience.
- C. As you study, you will want to use some or all of the following techniques:
1. Study the background and context of the verse.
 2. Compare the verse in various translations.
 3. Compare the verse with similar or contrasting scriptures.
 4. Define words in the verse.
 5. Put the verse into your own words.
- D. As you gain more insight into the verse. . .
1. Determine what you believe to be the correct interpretation.
 2. List unanswered questions which were raised during your study. This will motivate you for future study.
 3. Compare your attitudes and actions to those called for in the verse.

4. **Begin to obey the scripture.**

E. How to develop an application of scripture

1. **Define what attitudes or actions God wants you to have.**
2. **Visualize yourself practicing that quality.**
3. **Memorize a scripture which teaches the truth you want to apply.**
4. **Think through the foreseeable situations of the upcoming week in which you will need to apply this truth.**
5. **Prayerfully determine what you will do this week in obedience to this truth.**