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**COMPREHENSIVE BIBLE READING METHOD CHEAT**

¨*THE MAIN GOAL OF BIBLE STUDY: DON'T JUST INTERPRET IT, BUT APPLY IT TO YOUR LIFE!!!*

 **STEP I: *"KNOWING THE KNOWABLE:"*** **BRINGING OUR MIND TO BE RIGHT WITH GOD!**

**ATTITUDE is crucial!!!** ([Galatians 2:20](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+2%3A20&version=NIV))

¨ REMEMBER TO ALWAYS: BEGIN and END YOUR STUDY IN PRAYER and in the meantime be in prayer.

¨ DIRECT YOUR WILL AND SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY!!! BE CONSISTENT!!!.

¨ BE OPEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

**STEP II: "HOW**:"**THE METHOD OF GETTING INTO GOD'S WORD**

**LOOK AT THE WHOLE BOOK** at least three times in an easy to read translation. Then read each chapter you are studying in a good translation at least three times. Then read the verses, verse by verse in order.

 **STEP III: "OBSERVE IT:"** **ASK WHAT DOES IT SAY?**
Before you ask what does it mean and how to apply it to your life!

¨ Give the Book the "Looks:" Purpose; Repeated Phrases; The Point; Who is involved; The time & sequence of events, "once, then, now, will be, etc." Look for persons, places, ideas; Logical Connectives, i.e. Therefore, But, Since, So, Thus, Because, For, That, etc. What is actually being said?

¨ Verbs are crucial! Check out **NOUNS** in "Bible Dictionaries."

¨ Consider repeated words & phrases.

¨ Compare passage/verse to similar verses i.e. "Scripture interprets scripture." Use a "Concordance."

¨ Notice what is being taught

¨ Notice the promises

¨ Notice carefully the underlining principle(s) & implications

¨ What about the life, work, teaching, presence of Jesus Christ?

¨ Look out for types of "literary style;" history, philosophy, drama, poetry, wisdom and law.

¨ Look at different translations

**STEP III (B): "OBSERVE IT:" ASK WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

**Let God have His way with you!** Ask our Lord to open you before Him, to allow yourself to go beyond your culture, education and experience! Then the meaning will come alive!

¨ We must know our weaknesses and limitations because of sin!

¨ We must be aware of our nature and the nature of Scripture and the Divine Authors intent.

¨ Be focused on Christ not ourselves.

¨ Be aware of the CONTEXT!!!!! The "historical" and "literary" settings?" What is going on?

¨ What is the point and train of thought?

¨ ANALYZE by gathering facts and all the information available to you.

¨ Paraphrase the passage yourself.

¨ What is supported?

¨ What are the conclusions?

Make an emotional identification into the text.

**THINGS TO ASK AND TO APPLY:**

¨ Ask what is actually being said?

¨ Try reading aloud!

¨ Consider nothing insignificant!

¨ Have a mentor to ask questions.

¨ Look for stuff to carry out in your life.

¨ Write down your questions.

¨ What are the implications & promises to be applied to transformed us?

¨ What about the life, work, teaching, and presence of Jesus Christ?

¨ How can I model His Character?

¨ What is our duty?

¨ What is God's character?

¨ Make a commitment to the meaning.

¨ Try to write the verse or entire passage in your own words!

¨ Accept what It says: This is God's Word!

**STEP IV: "QUESTIONS:"** **ASK AND LEARN!!**

THE SIX BIG Q'S WE MUST ALWAYS ASK!

¨ **WHO:** are the people? Who did it? Who can do it? Who is it talking about?

¨ **WHAT:** is it saying? What is happening? What is it talking about? What did they do?

¨ **WHERE:** are they going? Where did it happen? Where will it take place?

¨ **WHEN:** did it happen? When will it happen? When can it happen?

¨ **HOW:** did it happen? How can it happen? How was something done?

¨ **WHY:** did he say that? Why did he do that? Why did they go there?

 **ASK THESE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:**

¨ Are there any commands?

¨ Are there any contrasts?

¨ Are there things repeated?

¨ Is there cause and effect?

¨ Is there a problem and solution?

¨ Are there any promises?

¨ Are there any connections to other parts of the Bible?

¨ Notice the setting!

**STEP V: "KNOW IT"!!! START LOOKING FOR THE ANSWERS**

**¨ WHAT DOES SOMETHING MEAN AND WHY IS IT THERE?**

¨ Be sure your information is correct!!!

¨ Use good commentaries, Study Bibles, and Bible dictionaries.

 **Digging Personally:**

¨ How are you encouraged & strengthened?

¨ Where have you fallen short, and how can you improve?

¨ What do you now intend to do with the information given to you?

¨ We must have the confidence that the Bible is truth! This is knowing It!

¨ We must allow God's Word to break our will and desires over to His!

¨ What did God say to you today?

¨ Is there a sin in your life that needs to be confessed and repented?

¨ Are you appreciating it?

¨ Are you receiving and practicing the great benefits to others around you?

¨ Are you a changed person as a result of receiving the Word?

**STEP VI: "APPLICATION!!!"** ([Gal 5:21-26](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians%205:21-26))

¨ Application comes out of a Changed life. And leads to a life transformed!

¨ What must I do to make God's Word real in me? What is my response?

¨ When will it end up in my day planner?

¨ Mediate over the passage

 **ASK YOURSELF THESE FIVE QUESTIONS:**

¨ What illustration can I use to remember?

¨ How does the truth apply to my life?

¨ What is my personal prayer regarding these truths?

¨ What changes/improvements could I make in light of the truth?

¨ How should I carry out these changes?

¨ **Pray** to ask God how to implement His truth to you. Tell Others. Accountability.

**STEP VII: MAKE USE OF THE BOOK CHART**

Write down what God is saying to you and what you have discovered and learned. By doing this, it will allow you to apply it to your life better!

**"YOU CAN DO IT!!**

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