

Avoid SPACEPETS

- *Sin to confess*
- *Promise to claim*
- *Attitude to change*
- *Command to obey*
- *Example to follow*
- *Prayer to pray*
- *Error to avoid*
- *Truth to believe*
- *Something for which to praise God.*

THESE TOOLS ARE "MUST HAVE"

- *A King James Bible*
 - *Recommended study helps are based on the KJV.*
 - *KJV has a precision of language that other versions do not have.*
- *A Strong's Concordance*
- *A Young's Literal Translation*

OTHER HELPFUL TOOLS

- *The Treasury of Scripture Knowledge (cross-reference tool)*
- *A topical index (Nelson's or Nave's)*
 - *These are inherently dangerous because they bring up the temptation of "Lazy Lessons"*
- *A Newberry Interlinear New Testament*
 - *Or any interlinear based on the Textus Receptus.*
- *A computer Bible Study program*
 - *Logos – RANDYWHITE6*
 - *Blue Letter Bible - Free*

THREE FUNDAMENTAL FOUNDATIONS

- *All Scripture is inspired and profitable – 2 Timothy 3:16-17*
- *Not all Scripture is claimable or directly applicable.*
- *A "Bible Map" will help you understand where you claim and apply.*

WHERE DOCTRINE COMES FROM

- *General doctrine: that doctrine which teaches the nature of God, creation, man, sin, future, etc.*
 - *General doctrine can be found anywhere in the Bible*
- *Christian Living: decision making, salvation, spiritual gifts, giving, sanctification, etc.*
 - *Christian living doctrine can only rightly be taken from the Epistles.*
 - *If you take Christian living doctrine from outside the Epistles, you will inevitably create false expectations and burdens, and often use eisegesis.*

Study different parts of the Bible differently

- **Books of History:**
 - *Study for knowledge of content.*
 - *This content will be foundational for later doctrine and application.*
 - *Making doctrine out of a historical passage is building doctrine on anecdotal evidence.*
 - *The Gospels and the Book of Acts are historical books.*

- **Books of Writings:**
 - Study for prophetic content.
 - Study for historical supplement.
- **Books of Prophecy:**
 - Study for evidence of textual validity
 - Study for a Biblical worldview and understanding of the future
- **Books of Doctrine (Epistles):**
 - Study for direct teaching for Christian living.

Easy | Moderate | Difficult | Hard

- The books of history are the **EASIEST** books to study because you are not drawing immediate application or doctrine.
- The books of Doctrine are **MODERATE** difficulty because:
 - You must question the assumptions, especially the assumption that says, “I know what this says and means.”
 - You must carefully perform word studies to know the precise meaning of the author (and the meaning of the author is the **ONLY** meaning of the words.)
- The books of Prophecy are **DIFFICULT** to study because:
 - The meaning of the imagery is not always readily apparent.
 - The commentaries are wildly divergent and can easily lead you astray.
 - A knowledge of the overall picture of Scripture and history is a necessary foundation.
- The books of the writings are **HARD** to study because:
 - They often seem “random” in nature.
 - They are filled with implicit prophecy that requires a full understanding of doctrine, history, and Biblical teaching.
 - They are rarely taught beyond surface knowledge, often with false application that is so prevalent it is difficult to shed.

Principles of Bible Study before you begin

- The Bible best description of the inspiration is **VERBAL PLENARY**.
 - **VERBAL:** God gave Words
 - Not ideas, pictures, graphs, or charts.
 - Every real student of the Bible has to be a student of words.
 - The more you learn vocabulary, etymology, and linguistics, the better student of the Word you will be.
 - **PLENARY:** All of the words are “God-breathed.”
 - Nothing is incidental in the Bible.
 - Often the greatest nuggets of truth are in the most unsuspecting words.
 - Because of verbal plenary inspiration, translation really does matter.
 - Accuracy, not readability, is the major issue.
- Every part of the Bible is **PROFITABLE**.
 - If you ignore parts of Scripture, you reject the “whole counsel” of God.
- The Bible is the “sword of the Spirit.”
 - It is what the Holy Ghost uses to enable you to make good decisions, fight spiritual warfare, and live a holy life.