

READ IT (2)

- A. **A Birds-Eye View of Your Bible**
- B. **What Translation of the Bible Should I Use?**
- C. **Eight Reasons to Read Your Bible**
- D. **How to Use Your Bible (Psalm 119:11-16)**
- E. **The Best Place to Start Reading Your Bible**
- A. **Four Steps to Reading Your Bible**

- **Preparation**

- **1 Corinthians 2:9-10, 14 = Conversion**
- **Acts 17:10-12 = Diligence**
- **1 Peter 2:2; Job 23:2 = Desire**
- **1 Peter 2:1-2; James 1:21 = Holiness**
- **James 1:22-25 = Teachable**
- **Ephesians 1:15-18 = Prayer**

- **Observation**

- **Observe its Content**
 - **Read it Continuously**
 - **Read it Repeatedly**
 - **Read it Independently**
 - **Read it Prayerfully**
 - **Read it Meditatively**
- **Observe its Components**
 - **Who?**
 - **What?**
 - **Where?**
 - **When?**
 - **Why?**

- **How?**

- **Observe its Context**

- **What is the theme of the book? Of the chapter?**
- **What is the one thing the whole thing is talking about?**

- **Observe its Characters**

- **Observe its Culture**

- **Interpretation**

- **Contextual Issue:** Know the immediate context of the passage
- **Normal Usage:** Always take the Bible literally unless it is impossible to do so
- **Historic:** Study the Bible in its historical, cultural and geographical context
- **Grammatical:** You cannot understand the Bible theologically unless you first understand it grammatically
- **Synthetic:** One part of the Bible cannot teach something that another part of the Bible contradicts

- **Application**

- **Personalization**

- **Investigation: SPECS**

- **Sins to avoid**
- **Promises to claim**
- **Examples to follow**
- **Commands to obey**
- **Statements about God**

- **Communication**
- **Memorization**