

PERSONAL GUIDE INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY METHOD

Tips:

- Be systematic in your approach: study a book of the Bible, a Bible character or a topic.
- Prepare: Determine a consistent time, prepare a place and keep all supplies in that place.
- Slow down: You have eternity to study the scripture. Typically, I study no more than 5 verses a day. You want to feast on the Word not grab a drive-thru snack!

Tools:

- BIBLE - a study Bible that is a *translation* (i.e. English Standard, New American Standard, New International, New King James Version) not a *paraphrase* (The Message, The Living Translation)
- PAPER and PEN
- PLACE – a certain spot or a bucket with all your tools in one place
- *OPTIONAL* CONCORDANCE- Strong's Exhaustive Concordance is suggested preferably in the same translation as your Bible. (*Note: Contact me and I will share some very inexpensive resources to purchase a concordance.*)

Instructions:

1. *Always pray* before you read the scripture seeking forgiveness of your sin and asking the Holy Spirit to be your teacher.
2. Read the scripture.
3. WRITE responses to the following questions:

Question 1: What does the passage say?

- List the facts
- Do not paraphrase
- Use only words found in the passage
- This may seem like rewriting the passage but that is OK!

Question 2: What does the passage mean?

- Identify a spiritual lesson from each fact
- A spiritual lesson *may* include:
 - 1) a promise to claim
 - 2) sin to avoid
 - 3) command to obey
 - 4) warning to heed
 - 5) an example to follow
 - 6) new truth to carry with me

In other words: SPACE =

Sin to avoid

Promise to claim

A new truth to carry with me

Command to obey

Example to follow (or not follow)

NOTE: These spiritual lessons will be *unique to the reader*. The Word is living and active and personal.

Question 3: What does the passage mean to me?

- Form a question from each spiritual lesson
- Try to word it so that the response is more than yes or no
- Make it personal...direct it to you or someone you will encounter.
- Listen for God to communicate to you personally through His Word.
- Take your time. If a question is not evident; pray and ask for guidance.

Live it out TODAY:

How will you respond to what you have heard God say to you?

Let the Spirit prompt you with at least one of the questions crafted in "Question 3". Write out a specific action/application (preferably for this day) you will make as a result of your questions.

Dear Friend -

It is my DELIGHT to hear your aha! moments, your questions and your study struggles. Please reach out to me anytime:

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Occasionally I blog regarding scripture musings at nancyhartin.blogspot.com, and would be honored for you to join.

*Blessings,
Nancy*