

Bible Study

*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman
that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing
the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2.15*

1. Read a portion of Scripture. In your notebook, write down a brief phrase that summarizes what each verse is about. At this point, you are simply a “newspaper reporter” stating facts succinctly (not yet writing down insights, etc.).

Your paper should look something like this:

Numbers 13.25 – 14.9

13.25 –
.26 –
.27 –
etc.

2. Look for obvious divisions. Are there three or four main themes? In your notebook, mark a line between the end of one thought or idea and the beginning of a new theme.
3. Write one sentence “newspaper reporter style” to summarize each division.
4. Write out a “subject sentence” of as few words as possible that will explain exactly what this passage of Scripture is about. Stick to the facts. Most times someone would be able to identify the passage by the sentence alone. “SS = “
5. What is the “AIM” of this passage? (What would one DO as a result of studying this passage?) What the passage would cause you to “DO” would be something that you could measurably execute, carry out or live out. Write down and fill in the blank for this sentence:

This passage would cause me to _____.

6. Write out one-four application questions for each of your three or four main divisions (the sentences from #3 above) that will cause you to APPLY this bible passage to your own life. Remember the AIM. Your questions should lead you to the AIM.

7. Polish the outline. You can use different types of outlines. Your outline is as unlimited as the things you see in the passage. Some examples:

“How to” (How to conquer fear)

“Alliterative” (using the same letter or sound at the beginning of each section:
Addressing Concerns, Addressing the Crowd, Addressing the Needs)

“Contrast” (Faith or Fear)

“Acrostic” (JOY – Jesus, Others, You, etc. – where the first letter of each line
spells out a word)

“Verbs” (They CAME, They SAW, They CONQUERED)

“Progressive Questions” (Where were they headed? What were they thinking?
What changed their thinking? What was their new response?)

“Character(s)” (Jesus, Pharisees, Publicans)

“Comparison” (Works of the Flesh vs. Works of the Spirit)

“Word” (What is FAITH)

Things to Remember

- Read the Old and New Testament DAILY in addition to your studying! The Holy Spirit will then have something to “bring back to your remembrance” as you study! (John 14.6: *But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*)
- DON’T get discouraged! Remember, you are never off on a “wild goose chase” in the Word: ANY TIME you spend in research is never wasted time! (Isaiah 55.11: *So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*)
- Use “factual” helps (try to avoid others’ interpretations of the Word and let the Holy Spirit show YOU). Bible Dictionary – gives insight to Bible Words (how much \$\$ was a “mina” worth?); Thesaurus (to find different words that mean the same thing); Bible maps (gives good idea of how far places are from one another etc. – how far was the trip on the “road to Emmaus” etc.); Greek or Hebrew Lexicon (see different words that the original Greek or Hebrew word were translated into. For example, the word “peace,” in Eph. 2.14 (*He is our PEACE, which hath made both one and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us*), is also translated “ONE” in Acts 7.26, “REST” in Acts 9.31, and “QUIETNESS” in Acts 24.2. This gives you great insight into depths of the Greek word #1515 “eirene” which means “to join, by implication, prosperity; one, peace, quietness, rest, set at one again”).
- Write down different topics or verses you want to do a study on and keep them handy!
- Pray and Meditate!
- Take time!