

# Bible Study: Motivation and Methods

Job 23:12, "I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food."

1. Do you enjoy reading your Bible or do you read it out of a sense of duty?
2. Do you read your Bible on a consistent basis? Daily? Weekly? Monthly?
3. Do you always receive something when you read your Bible?
4. Does Bible reading change your life at all?
5. Do you really feel the need to read your Bible?

John 5:39, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."

6. Do you trust the Bible?
7. Do you think the Bible is accurate to what the Lord taught?
8. Do you think the Bible is relevant today?
9. Do you understand the Bible when you read it?

Acts 8:30, "Understandest Thou what thou readest?"

Ephesians 3:4, "Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)"

2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

## SOME METHODS OF STUDYING THE BIBLE

- **Systematic Study** – Study the different books, chapter by chapter.
- **Topical Study** – Study the Bible by taking up different topics, such as:
  - Eternal Security
  - The Sovereignty of God
  - The Rapture of the Church
  - Baptism
- **Character Study** – Research different people in the Bible to see what you can learn from their lives.
  - Some to imitate. Some to avoid.

Acts 17:11, "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

## THINGS TO DO TO PREPARE TO STUDY THE BIBLE

- Pray for understanding. – John 16:13
  - Also ask the Lord to clear your mind of all distractions and to help you concentrate and focus on what you are reading.
- Confess any sins you may have committed. – Psalm 66:18
  - Unconfessed sin will greatly hamper our Bible study so we need to confess our sins first.
- Approach your study with a true hunger for spiritual nourishment from God's Word. – Job 23:12
- Realize that you are reading the very Word of God. – 1 Thessalonians 2:13
- Be ready to submit to its teachings. – Luke 6:46
- Meditate on the Word. – 1 Timothy 4:15
  - Take notes, ask questions, use study aids about what you are reading.
- Walk (live) according to the Bible's truths. – Colossians 1:10

## AFTER STUDYING YOUR BIBLE

- Pray again.
  - Thank the Lord for what He has taught you.

Matthew 5:6, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."