

6 THINGS THAT WILL HELP US TO BE BETTER BIBLE STUDENTS

Ask God: Before you read or study the Scriptures, pray and ask God for Help (*Proverbs 2:6*)

Ask for **Wisdom, Knowledge, and Understanding**

Be a Wise Owl, Always Ask Who: the Wise old Owl says, WHO, WHO, WHO

Who is talking, **Who** are they talking to, **Who** are they talking about.

“A text without a context is a pretext”

Compare Scripture with Scripture: SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES (*1 Corinthians 2:12-13*)

The best commentary on the Bible is the Bible

STUDY....STUDY....STUDY

The Holy Spirit is our guide and teacher, Allow him to give you light, He will do it through the Scriptures.

Divide the Word of God Rightly: Recognize the Bible has proper divisions and rightly divide

*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*

THE BIBLE HAS DIVISIONS:

The Old and New Testaments are one example.

The Jews, the Gentiles and the Church of God are another example - 1 Corinthians 10:32.

We are in the Church age not in the time of Jacob's trouble (great tribulation).

Transitional Books: Acts, Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter & 1, 2 & 3 John

Examine the words As and Like: Two very important words in the Bible

*He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: **Acts 8:32***

Jesus used these words almost 200 times in the gospels alone. They are key to understanding the Scriptures.

When you study the word of God, make it a **habit** to watch for these **two words**

Follow the Clear Verses: Never interpret a clear verse in the light of an obscure verse! Always interpret an obscure verse in the light of a clear verse!

The Rock: Matthew 16:18 and 1 Corinthians 10:4

Obscure: *And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon **this rock** I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. **Matthew 16:18***

Clear: *And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual **Rock** that followed them: and **that Rock was Christ. 1 Corinthians 10:4***