

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE



Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. — 2 Timothy 2:15

I. Five Guiding Principles

1. Personal Investigation
2. Written Reproduction
3. Consistent and Systematic
4. Pass-on-Able
5. Application Based

II. Progression of Study

1. Outline
2. Text Work (Observe, Interpret, Apply)
3. Major Themes
4. Key Thought
5. Key Application

III. The Four Disciplines of Study

1. Observation: What does it say?
2. Interpretation: What does it mean?
3. Application: What does it mean for me?
4. Presentation: How can I share this with another?

IV. Additional Resources

E-Sword, free Bible study software

available for download at www.e-sword.net

– also download the *Treasury of Scripture Knowledge* module

– also download the *Nave's Topical Bible* module

Walter A. Henrichsen, *Studying, Interpreting, and Applying the Bible*