

The Basics of Bible Interpretation

Lesson 1 – Your Responsibility to Understand the Bible

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- I. God communicates to people through the _____ he has revealed in Scripture.
- A. *He communicated _____ what he wanted us to know. (2 Pet. 1:20-21)*
- B. *He communicated _____ that we need to know. (2 Tim. 3:16-17)*
- II. God expects people to understand what he says in Scripture _____.
- A. *This is an individual, _____ responsibility. (2 Tim. 2:15)*
- B. *At the same time, it is appropriate for _____ to help you. (Nehemiah 8:1-12; Acts 8:30-31)*
- III. Only those who are _____ may fully comprehend the meaning of the Bible.
- A. *Unregenerate people do not receive _____ from the Holy Spirit, which is necessary for understanding Scripture. (1 Cor. 2:14)*

B. The Holy Spirit _____ believers to a proper understanding, but not automatically. (John 16:13)

1. You need a _____ mindset. (2 Tim. 3:15)

2. You need a _____ approach. (Psa. 119:18)

3. You need an eager, _____ attitude. (Acts 17:11)

4. You need to practice _____ personal Bible study. (Acts 17:11)

IV. Responsible Bible study accomplishes two important _____.

A. It enables you to be more mature and _____ as a Christian. (2 Tim. 3:17)

B. It equips you to be faithful and fruitful in _____ to others. (2 Tim. 3:17)

Homework

- Read at least one time every verse given in parenthesis and think carefully about how it relates to the point associated with it on this sheet.
- Be able to fill in by memory the blanks given on this sheet.
- Be able to explain two things Acts 17:11 teaches about your approach to the Bible.
- Be able to explain two purposes for personal Bible study from 2 Timothy 3:17.