

The Topical Study

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. (Hosea 4:6)

Another wonderful way in which to study the Scripture is by use of the topical study. The value of a topical study should not be trivialized. Unlike the previous studies, a topical study focuses on a _____(grace of God) or _____(salvation by faith). There are many reason in which to use this type of study.

- To gain _____to a topic or theme of Scripture
- To prioritize God’s _____ about a topic.
- To assist in gathering Divine _____ for _____ making
- To gather a _____ view on a subject

A topical study should play an important role in the arsenal of every Bible student. This is especially true today! Consider the following:

- What does God say about _____?
- What does God say about _____ assignment or modification?
- What does God say about _____?
- What does God say about personal _____?

Whether it is personal or political, the Bible is the never-ending mine of truth. A topical study is an important tool in which both the _____ and _____ truth of God’s Word are gathered.

RESOURCES:

- * A Study Bible
- * Nave’s Topical Bible/Concordance
- * A notebook
- * Word Study Tools (Lesson 3)

PROCESS:

- 1) Select the _____of Study. Give care in this matter. Some topics are so broad that they may take quite some time to conclude. Choose with specificity and purpose in mind. Example: _____, Quality of meekness, _____ to God
- 2) Choose the _____that fit within the _____of your study. A _____will be valuable in this area. If you are studying the topic “the will of God,” you may want to be more selective in the verses you use. Remember to include in your study any _____passages that you may have missed. If you are studying “Giving to God” make sure to include words/phrases like _____, communicate, etc.
- 3) Develop a list of _____. As you study and categorize the verses, prepare a few questions that will serve to maximize your study. If you are studying the topic “Giving to God,” good questions to ask along with your study

would be the following:

- * What Is _____ to God?
- * Who _____ to God?
- * What is a _____ _____ to give God?
- * How _____ should one Give?
- * Why would one _____ ?

Obviously, these questions may change from study to study. The goal of a topical study is not just to find verses. Rather, it is to find _____ truth to life and grant _____ for the future.

- 4) Categorize your verses according to the questions. This is perhaps the most _____-_____ part of a topical study. Often, the more verses a topic has the more questions can be created. Categorizing them can prove a challenge. To help, create a table on a sheet of paper (Excel may be helpful). As you continue through this process, you may find that you have some verses that overlap with some of your questions. If this is often the case, you may want to re-structure or _____ a question.

Questions	Passages	Answers
What is a proper gift to give God?	Lev. 27.32	Tithe shall be holy...
	II Chron. 31.5	Firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil and honey
	Rom. 12.2	Present your bodies
	I Cor. 16.2	...as God as prospered

- 5) _____. Once all of your questions have answers, it is time to combine these into an application. You could look at this _____ as being something of a Biblical viewpoint on the topic. You could write a paragraph on what God specifically says about a topic and then order your life by it.

TOPICS:

Though we have already given a couple of topics, below is a larger group of topics to consider:

- * Anger of Man
- * Trust in God
- * Prayer
- * _____ of Christ
- * _____
- * Patience
- * Contentedness with possessions
- * _____ and Wealth
- * Forgiveness
- * _____
- * A _____ Spouse

This group could be endless. The Scripture touches on _____ aspect of our life. If we desire to have God’s mind on a matter, we must simply apply ourselves to _____ in the study of the Word of God.