

A GUIDE TO STUDYING THE BIBLE FOR BEGINNERS

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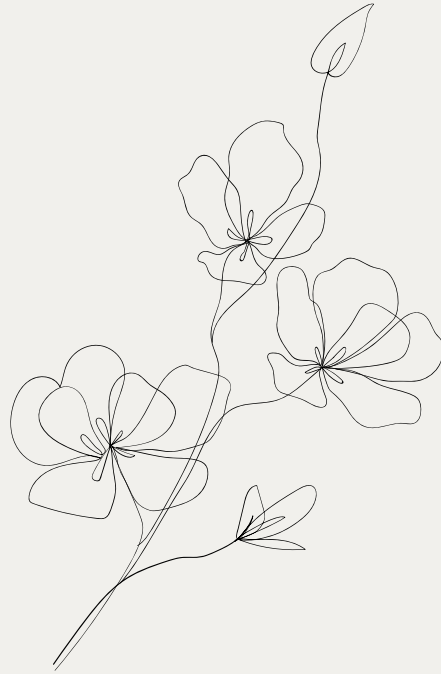
WHERE DO I EVEN BEGIN STUDYING?

Young and Spiritually Inspired, the first place to begin wanting to read the Bible is to **Pray** for the **Holy Spirit** to guide you through each verse, chapter, or book. This is important because the function of the Holy Spirit is to bring revelation and clarity to scripture the Word is alive and active, **Hebrews 4:12**.

The Bible is not a magazine we just read through for quick fixes of inspiration, but it is **ALIVE**; it speaks, corrects, confronts, and reshapes us daily when we approach it with unwavering surrender. Saints, without the Holy Spirit, scripture can remain words on a page instead of truth, helping us transform into the image of Jesus Christ.

Many ministries will teach techniques and systems for reading the Word. Some of them are helpful. But without the **HOLY SPIRIT**, you may understand structure and miss the purpose. You may know what the text says, but never understand why it exists.

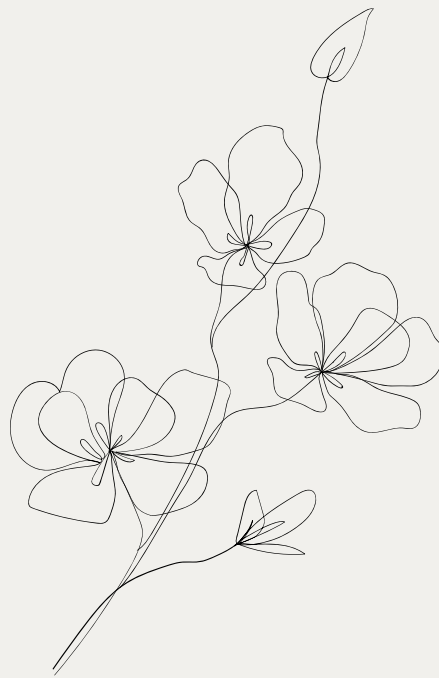
“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God and may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STUDYING AND READING THE WORD?

Studying the Word requires dedicated time for each theme and topic, which the Holy Spirit guides you to study. Often, this means sitting with the Bible commentaries and understanding the broader timeline and historical context of the scripture. Some days, you have a devotional approach with the Word, where Scripture speaks to the current season you may be facing, where it offers ,affirmation,direction, and strength.**Remember it is not a race,it is about spiritual roots and gaining an understanding to what you believe in.**

Know that both these approaches are effective and necessary. One builds a theological understanding that helps us guard against false interpretations and grants us discernment. This approach is not to pick and choose whats beneficial the entire book needs to be applied in your life not only the feel good parts ,which is what most lukewarm Christians stray away from,yet when you have a deeper understanding of the devotional studying of Scripture is not self-centred but Christ-centred.

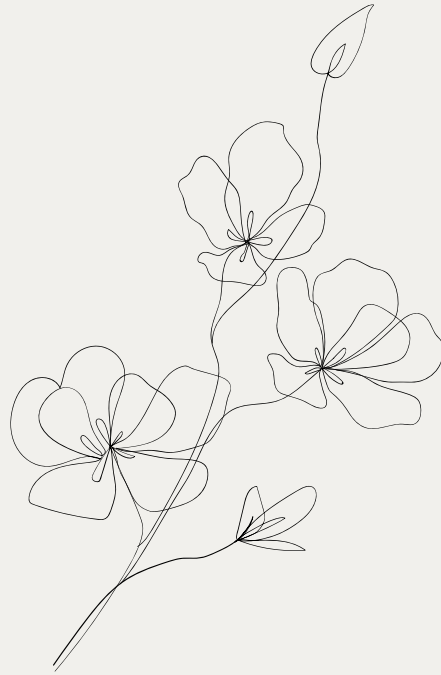


CHOOSING A BIBLE

As a beginner, it is wise to start with a Bible translation that is clear and easy to follow, without losing the heart of the message. The **New International Version** known as the NIV is a strong place to begin. Its language is easy to read and understand, even for younger readers, and allows you to focus on understanding rather than struggling with the wording.

The beauty of different translations is that they help bring clarity and deepen understanding. They do not change the truth of scripture, but they reveal meaning in ways that resonate to you as you grow in the faith. It is important to understand the context of the passage before moving between translations, as this prevents confusion and misinterpretation.

The **KING JAMES VERSION** is one of the elite versions for the advanced in the faith. Yet, for a beginner, this may be challenging to read because of how it uses the older English. While there are translations that are more word-for-word, I recommend that you start with the NIV, this will build your confidence and help you stay consistent.



BIBLE PLANS AND DEVOTIONALS

As a beginner, the Bible may be overwhelming to study when you have no plan or guidance. There are also fun ways that may help you stay consistent. I always tell those new in the faith to get yourself a **365-day devotional** that has verses; this helps you open the Bible first thing in the morning, and you can then read the entire chapter at night.

There are various Bible plans on the Bible app. I highly recommend the app called **YouVersion**, available on both Google and Apple stores. All Your favorite Christian authors touch on different topics that speak to your season.

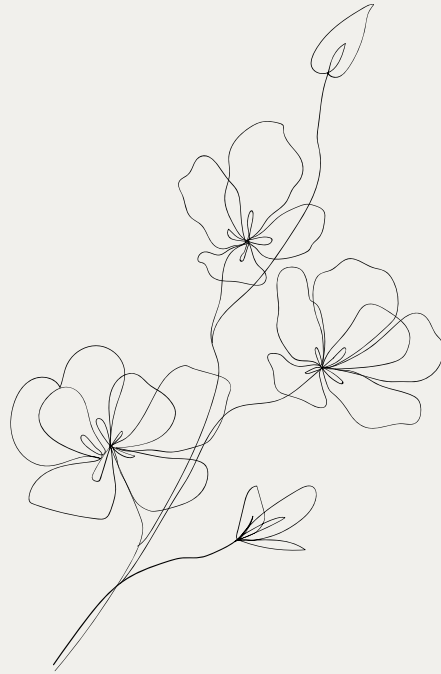
We, as the Young and Spiritually Inspired family, have curated a plan titled **RETURN TO GOD** on YouVersion. This is a start to help you gain familiarity with scripture.



HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE: A SIMPLE METHOD FOR BIBLE STUDY:

When studying the Bible, start by simply reading the entire chapter. Resist the urge to analyze or take notes. Sit with it, gain the context, and let the Holy Spirit, grant you revelation before adding your own interpretations. Often, we are quick to want to conclude our own revelations without immersing ourselves fully in the Word. **Remember, it is not a race; go at it your own pace.**

There are formats curated to help simplify the Word, yet gain scriptural. Context is very important. The **S.O.A.P** method may help you gain momentum: **SCRIPTURE - OBSERVATION - APPLICATION - PRAYER.** Always remember God is not confined to this method; as you grow roots, You will change how you study the Word. It's not about how everyone is doing it, but how the Holy Spirit is leading you.



THE IMPORTANCE OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

One of the most effective ways to remain consistent in studying the Word is being part of a Bible based **Christian community**, a group where scripture is studied and prayer is part of the spiritual practice. This kind of community fosters accountability, encouragement and spiritual maturity. No man is an island you need aligned individuals to walk with you. Pray for a church that teaches sound doctrine and studies the Word.

We also have a **WhatsApp channel** that is for everyone: **[CLICK HERE](#)**

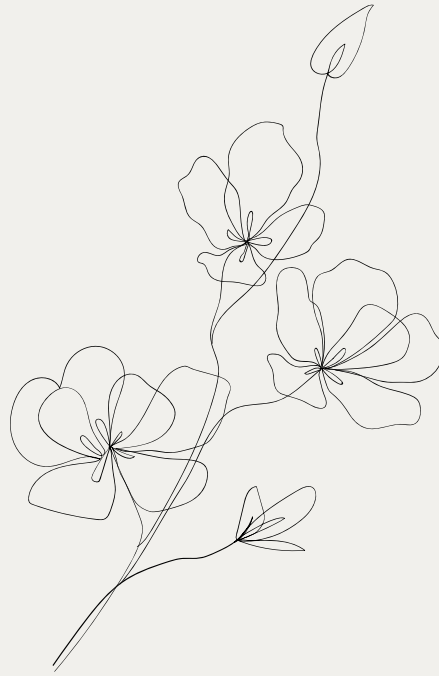


HERE ARE SOME RESOURCES AND TOOLS YOU MAY NEED:

- 365 Devotional
- Bible commentary
- Notebook
- Highlighters/pens
- YouVersion Bible App
- Practice Devo App
- Structured App
- Olive Tree Bible App
- Steps to Christ on our website

For Bibles we recommend:

- SHE READS TRUTH
- ANY NIV BIBLE



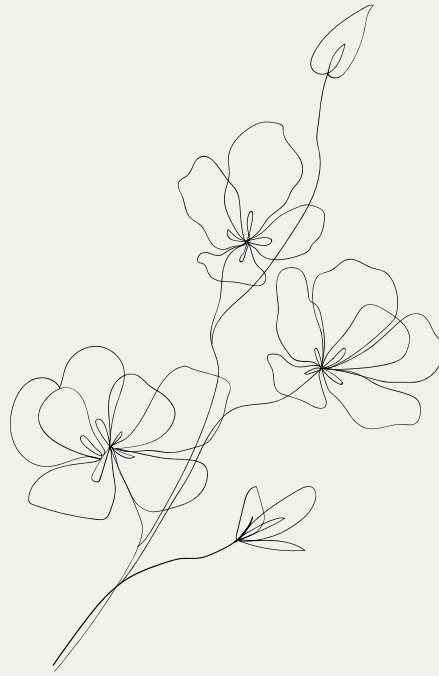
SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES FOR STUDYING THE BIBLE

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.-**Colossians 3:6**

Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.-**Acts 17:11**

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.-**2 Timothy 2:15**

This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.-**Joshua 1:8**



READ THE CONTEXT BEFORE THE CONCLUSION

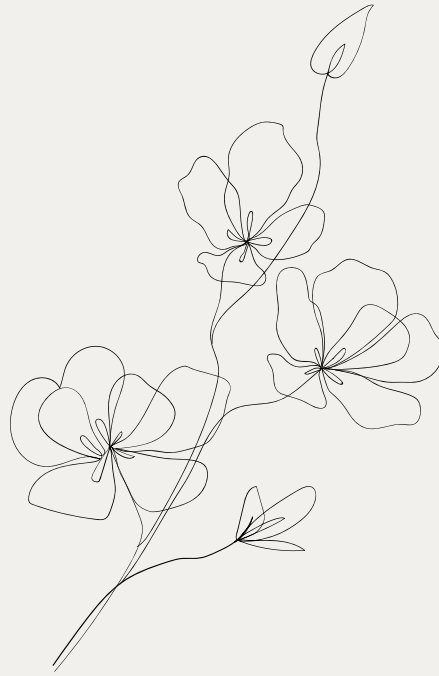
“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”- Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

QUESTION ONE:

Who was this promise originally spoken to, and what situation were they in?

QUESTION TWO:

How does the surrounding passage change your understanding of “plans to prosper you”?



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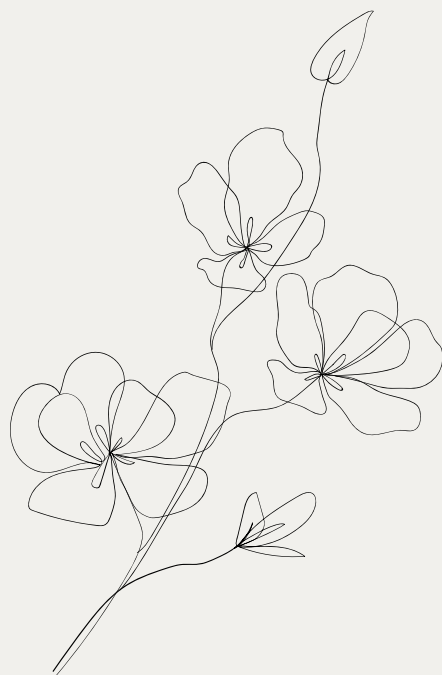
“I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.”-Philippians 4:12 NIV

QUESTION ONE:

What “*things*” was Paul the Apostle talking about enduring or handling?

QUESTION TWO:

Does this verse focus more on achievement or contentment?



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