

3-M's of *INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY*

Meaning...

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Using the Bible as the primary source of study---focus on the Scripture first before going to outside sources for understanding; seeing for oneself what the Bible says before getting someone else's interpretation.

There is only **one** interpretation (God-intended meaning) for any given Scripture but many applications!

Always begin with prayer and pray throughout the process of study!

Method...

COMPONENTS

Observation asks **what does the text say?**

This causes us to slow down!!!

Interpretation asks **what does the text mean by what it says?**

Sometimes to discover what something means you must first find out what it does **not** mean.

Application asks **how does the meaning apply to my life?**

This could be in belief or behavior.

Observation Tools

Done both for the overview of the book as well as for each chapter

- The 5 W's and H questions---read the text purposefully by asking these questions of the text as you read
- Mark key words and people
- Make lists of what you learned from marking
- Mark contrasts
- Mark comparisons
- Mark conclusions
- Mark geographical locations
- Mark expressions of time

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Interpretation Tools

Interpretation happens while doing observation and is not a separate step in the study process.

Careful observation will lead to **accurate** interpretation!

Establishing context through careful observation will ensure that you do not misinterpret a verse or passage by interpreting it out of its context!

Illustration: Trunk

Context **Rules** in interpretation!!

What is context?

that which goes with the text or the environment/setting in which something is found whether immediate passage, book or of the whole Bible.

Cross References

*Scripture **always** interprets Scripture!*

Cross references aid in interpretation as God rarely gives us all the information about a subject, doctrine, person or event in just one location.

These provide additional insight and meaning as well as context to the text you are studying..

Word Studies

The study of words in the original languages of the OT (Hebrew & Aramaic) and NT (Greek). This gives us an even better understanding of the text by understanding what the author intended. Once we get the **original** meaning we plug it back into the text.

Application

The goal of all Bible study!

Because the Bible is a book of **transformation** not information.

This is living out what you have clearly seen and understood from God's Word because the goal is to **know** God resulting in a changed life. Sometimes application is changing your belief and sometimes it is changing your behavior to line up with what God's Word says.

Read devotionally.

M...

and More...

RESOURCES

BIBLES & BIBLE SOFTWARE

[The New Inductive Study Bible](#)

[Accordance](#)

[e-Sword](#)

[Inductive Bible Study App](#) (compliment to Stop Reading, Start Studying, in BOOKS)

[Logos Bible Software](#)

COMMENTARIES

[The Bible Knowledge Commentary](#) *John Walvoord & Roy B. Zuck*

[Expositors Bible Commentary](#)

[Jensen's Survey of the New Testament](#), *Irving L. Jensen*

[Jensen's Survey of the Old Testament](#), *Irving L. Jensen*

[The New American Commentary](#), *various authors*

[Thru the Bible \(5 vol\)](#), *J. Vernon McGee*

BOOKS

[Discover the Bible for Yourself, Kay Arthur](#)

[Essential Bible Study Tools For Ministry, David R. Bauer](#)

[How to Read the Bible For All Its Worth, Gordon D. Fee & Douglas Stuart](#)

[How to Study the Bible for Yourself, Tim LaHaye](#)

[How to Study Your Bible, Kay Arthur, David Arthur & Pete De Lacy](#)

[How to Study Your Bible Workbook, Kay Arthur, David Arthur & Pete De Lacy](#)

[Independent Bible Study, Irving L. Jensen](#)

[Inductive Bible Study, A Comprehensive Guide to the Practice of Hermeneutics, David R. Bauer & Robert A. Traina](#)

[Inductive Bible Study: Observation, Interpretation, and Application through the Lenses of History, Literature, and Theology, Richard Alan Fuhr Jr. & Andreas J. Köstenberger](#)

[Living By the Book, Howard G. Hendricks & William D. Hendricks](#)

[Lord, Teach Me to Study the Bible in 28 Days, Kay Arthur](#)

[The New Joy of Discovery in Bible Study, Oletta Wald](#)

[Stop Reading, Start Studying: Inductive Bible Study Method Explained, Henry L Jackson III](#)

[Understanding and Applying the Bible, Robertson McQuilkin](#)

WORD STUDY HELPS

[The Complete Word Study New Testament, Spiros Zodhiates](#)

[The Complete Word Study Dictionary New Testament, Spiros Zodhiates](#)

[The Complete Word Study Old Testament, Spiros Zodhiates](#)

[The Complete Word Study Old Testament Dictionary, Warren Baker, Eugene Carpenter](#)

[Greek for The Rest of Us, William D. Mounce](#)

[The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament, Cleon L. Rogers Jr. & Cleon L. Rogers III](#)

[Vine's Complete Expository Dcty of Old and New Testament Words, W.E. Vine, Merrill F. Unger & William White Jr.](#)

[Word Studies in the Greek new Testament \(4 Vol\), Kenneth Wuest](#)

[Word Pictures in the New Testament \(6 vol\), Archibald T. Robertson](#)

[Word Studies in the New Testament, Marvin Vincent \(this link downloads free pdf\)](#)

ONLINE

[Bible Hub](#)

[The Bible Project](#)

[Bible Study Tools](#)

[Blue Letter Bible](#)

[Blue Letter Classic version](#)

[Faithlife Books](#)

[StudyLight](#)

[Olive Tree](#)

[Precept Austin](#)