

INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY

A TOOL FOR STUDYING THE BIBLE

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2 Timothy 3:16-17

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

Matthew 7:24-27

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.

BIBLICAL FACTS

- *66 Book and Letters*
- *Written by Real People who were Inspired by God*
- *Written during a Real Time in History*
- *Pertinent to Real Situations*

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(This is only one method for studying Scripture.)

Pray ~ Always start by praying and asking the Holy Spirit to guide you as you read the Word.

“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.” 1 Corinthians 2:12

*Our ultimate goal in studying scripture is to be **transformed** into a child of God, growing more Christ-like than yesterday!*

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Observation ~ What did this passage mean when it was originally written?

(*We don't need to ask "what does the passage mean to me...?") We are not the arbitrator of scripture, it means what it says!

- Ask the "5 W's and an H": who, what, when, where, why and how
- Context is King!
- Historical Setting
- Key Words – What does the passage reveal about God, (Father, Son and Spirit)?
- Tone of the Passage
- Look for Contrasts, Comparisons, terms of conclusion and expressions of time.

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Interpretation ~ Ask the passage a question!

What does this text have to say about _____?

What are the **principles** that are being addressed?

- Word Studies
- Cross References – Let Scripture interpret Scripture!
- Bible Commentaries

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Application ~

What does this passage have to teach me about_____?

How does this apply to my life?

Questions to prompt application:

How do I respond to what this passage reveals about God?

Is there an example to follow?

Is there a promise to claim?

Is there a command to obey?

Is there an instruction to follow?

Is there an encouragement?

Is there a sin to confess?

Is there a temptation to avoid?

Is there a verse to memorize?

Is there a prayer to pray?

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RESOURCES

www.Northcoastchurch.com

Vista Campus, Pastor Larry Osborne

Sermon 27 – The Truth About Faith, Prayer and How God Answers

Inductive Bible Studies available on a variety of books from the Bible

Go to the eSTORE at

www.growingthrugrace.com