

10 Practical Tips *on* *How To Study the Bible*

These tips were taken from a BBT original curriculum volume designed to remove fear and create a posture of humility when studying the Bible. It includes not only these practical tips with more in depth detail but also step by step exercises to help you navigate the Scriptures. Please use and share these practical tips and if you would like to learn more, check out the BBT curriculum volume titled “How to Study the Bible” by Dr. Luke Bobo.

Practical Tip #1: Assume the right posture. Our posture when studying the Bible should be humility, perseverance, accountability, and a teachable spirit.

Practical Tip #2: Get the Whole Story. Read the Bible all the way through, from Genesis to Revelation.

Practical Tip #3: Read Frequently. Read your Bible passage aloud (and silently) several times. We are blessed when we hear the words of the Bible repeated out loud according to Revelation 1:1-5.

Practical Tip #4: The Best Commentary. The best commentary on the Holy Scriptures are the Holy Scriptures.

Practical Tip #5: Understand the Old Testament. The “Bible” for Jesus and the New Testament writers was the Old Testament Scriptures. So, we must understand the Old Testament Scriptures *in order to* understand the New Testament Scriptures.

Practical Tip #6: What was happening? Seek to understand what was happening at the time the passage was written.

Practical Tip #7: Do not read meaning into the Bible. Do not read a modern day definition of a word into the Bible.

Practical Tip #8: Read surrounding verses. Instead of reading one verse, read all the verses around it for a fuller understanding. This is technically called the literary context.

Practical Tip #9: Surrounding verses define words or phrases. Reading verses before and after the passage and even the entire book can define words or expressions.

Practical Tip #10: Pay attention to repeated words or phrases. The repetition of a word or phrase is the author’s way of saying, “this is important!”