

Lesson 10:

Topical Bible Study

Effective Bible Study

2 Timothy 2:15

Read It, Explain It, Apply It

Lesson Summary: Topical Bible study is the process of selecting a subject and researching that subject in the Bible. "Topical" Bibles and concordances are helpful in this method of study. However, one must be careful to study the word honestly and draw his or her own biblical conclusions.

Examples of Broad Subjects to Study:

I. Special Bible Groups

- A. Great Patriarchs of the Old Testament
 - 1. Adam, Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, etc.
- B. Famous Kings of the Bible
 - 1. Kings of the United Kingdom (Saul, David, Solomon)
 - 2. Kings of Israel
 - 3. Kings of Judah
- C. Prominent Women of the Bible
 - 1. Women of the Old Testament – Eve, Sarah, Hannah, Deborah, Ruth, Esther, etc.
 - 2. Women of the New Testament – Mary, Mary & Martha, Lydia, Phoebe, etc.
- D. Persecuted People of the Bible
 - 1. Abel, Joseph, Job, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, John the Baptist, Christ, Peter and John, Stephen, Paul, etc.
- E. The Apostles of Christ
- F. Wicked Rulers
 - 1. Nimrod, the Pharaohs, Nebuchadnezzar, Assyrian kings, Herods, etc.

II. Great Doctrinal Themes of the Bible

- A. God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, Man, Angels, Satan, Sin, the Atonement, the Plan of Redemption, the Church, Worship, the Coming of Christ, Judgment

III. Memorable Prayers of the Bible

- A. David (Psalm 51); Solomon (1 Kings 7); Daniel (Daniel 9); Christ (John 17); etc.

IV. Famous Songs in the Bible

- A. Moses (Exodus 15; Deuteronomy 32); Deborah (Judges 5); David (2 Samuel 22)

V. Great Calls to Service

- A. Abraham (Genesis 12); Moses (Exodus 3); Gideon (Judges 6); Samuel (1 Samuel 3); Isaiah (Isaiah 6) Amos (Amos 7); Peter and Andrew (Matthew 4); Paul (Acts 9, 22)

VI. Revivals in the Bible

- A. Joshua (Joshua 5); Samuel (1 Samuel 7); Hezekiah (2 Kings 18); Josiah (2 Kings 22-23); Nineveh (Jonah 3); Pentecost (Acts 2)

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Specific Themes to Study:

I. Names of God

A. God, Jehovah, Lord, Almighty, etc.

II. Titles of Christ

A. Lamb of God, Lion from Judah, Shiloh, the Good Shepherd, Son of God, Son of Man, etc.

III. Miracles of Christ

A. Miracles in nature, miracles over disease, miracles over death, etc.

IV. Parables of Jesus

A. Kingdom Parables, Sinner Parables, Forgiveness Parables, Prayer Parables, Stewardship Parables

V. Great Sermons in the Book of Acts

A. By Peter (Acts 2, 3, 10, 11, 15); Stephen (Acts 7); Paul (Acts 13, 14, 17, 22, 23, 24, 26)

VI. The Missionary Journeys of Paul

A. First (Acts 13:4—14:26); Second (Acts 15:40—18:22); Third (Acts 18:23—21:17)

VII. The “I am” Statements of Christ in John

A. Bread of Life, True Vine, Door, Shepherd, Way, Truth, Life, Light, etc.

VIII. Degrees of Faith

A. Great faith, little faith, weak faith, strong faith, perfect faith, dead faith

You Try It – A Brief Survey of Sin

Sin Defined:

Sin is...

_____ 1 John 3:4
_____ 1 John 5:17
_____ Jer. 11:10
_____ James 4:17
_____ Romans 14:23
_____ 1 Samuel 15:23
_____ Leviticus 10:1-2
_____ Hebrews 9:7

How sin affects man:

Sin:

_____ Isaiah 59:1-2
_____ Proverbs 14:34
_____ Hebrews 3:13
_____ James 1:15
_____ Revelation 21:27
_____ John 8:34
_____ Isaiah 30:1

The Proper Attitude Toward Sin:

Sin should be:

_____ Proverbs 28:13
_____ 1 Corinthians 6:18
_____ Psalm 38:18
_____ Romans 12:9
_____ Colossians 3:5
_____ 2 Timothy 2:19

The sins of non-Christians will be forgiven when:

_____ Mark 16:16
_____ Acts 2:38
_____ Romans 6:17
_____ Ephesians 5:26
_____ 1 Peter 3:21

The sins of the child of God will be forgiven when he or she ...

_____ Acts 8:22
_____ James 5:16
_____ 1 John 1:9