

How to Study the Bible

Lesson Two

Important principles to know:

- For sound interpretation of the books, chapters, and verses of the Bible.

The Bible teaches us by:

- Inference...What is implied in the scripture passage.
- Precept...Commands, imperatives.
- Example...
 - Good...follow
 - Bad...don't follow

We must use scripture to interpret Scripture.

- Get a good reference Bible.
- Seek out all the scriptures on a subject.
- Get the whole story, i.e. harmony of the gospels.
- Law of first mention.

You must know the difference between:

- Parable – A parable may have many principles but only ONE main point.
- Precept – This is a command.
- Proverb – General statements with a general result.
- Promise – A promise is a promise.
- Principle – A fundamental truth or proposition that serves as the foundation for a system of belief or behavior or for a chain of reasoning.

*This is one of the main ways God teaches us.

BASIC TOOLS for BIBLE STUDY

1. A good reference Bible with maps
2. A Strong's Exhaustive Concordance with Hebrew and Greek Lexicons
3. A good English Dictionary
4. A good Bible Dictionary
5. A good Topical Bible