

# Inductive Bible Study Method

## PRAY

ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO GUIDE YOUR TIME IN THE WORD.

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## OVERVIEW

READ THE TEXT MULTIPLE TIMES TO GET A GOOD GRASP OF THE BIG PICTURE.

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## Observation

### WHAT DOES IT SAY?

#### 1 Examine the Text

Read with a purpose, asking the 5 W's & H

**WHO** is speaking? Who is the audience?

**WHAT** is happening? The scene? The context?

**WHERE** is it taking place?

**WHEN** did the events take place?

**WHY** is the author writing?

**HOW** did the people respond?

#### 2 Identify Key Phrases & Words

Noticing key words helps us to understand the author's intended emphasis & purpose.

- Repeated and crucial to the passage
- God, Jesus, & Holy Spirit are always key words

#### 3 Make a List of Key Phrases & Words

- Remember the verse reference
- Analyze the list

#### 4 Notice the Grammar

**CONTRASTS** (opposites)

**COMPARISONS** (similar)

**CAUSE & EFFECT** (if/then statements)

**TERMS OF CONCLUSION** (therefore, since, etc.)

**EXPRESSIONS OF TIME** (after this, when, etc.)

# Interpretation

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

### Write a Summary Statement

- For the Book
- For Each Chapter
- For Each Paragraph

### Remember

- Context rules
- Always seek the full counsel of the Bible
- Scripture never contradicts Scripture
- Interpret Scripture with genre in mind
- Recognize figures of speech
- Look for author's intended meaning
- Use cross references
- Do word studies  
*free website for this: [StepBible.org](http://StepBible.org)*
- Use Reliable Commentaries  
*after personal study*

# Application

## NOW WHAT DO I DO?

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

**2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 ESV**

<b>Example</b>	Is there an example for me to follow?
<b>Sin</b>	Is there a sin to avoid?
<b>Promise</b>	Is there a promise to claim?
<b>Command</b>	Is there a command to obey?
<b>Condition</b>	Is there a condition to meet?
<b>Verse</b>	Is there a verse to memorize?
<b>Challenge</b>	Is there a challenge to face?

