

BACK to the BASICS

SPIRITUAL
DISCIPLINES





SCRIPTURE:

Studying the Word of God





*The goal with these
spiritual disciplines is
to pursue godliness.*



“...train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.”

1 Timothy 4:7b-8



*Read your Bible,
pray every day and
you'll grow, grow, grow...*



“When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the Levitical priests. It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to **revere the Lord** his God and **follow carefully all** the words of this law and these decrees...”

Deuteronomy 17:18-19



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1. *You need your own copy of the Bible*
2. *Read it every day*
3. *Walk in the fear of God - walk in obedience*

Inductive Bible Study



A collection of school supplies is arranged on a green chalkboard background. On the left, there is a stack of grid-patterned notebooks. A green apple sits on the top notebook. A purple and pink calculator is placed on the middle notebook. A light blue pen and a purple pencil sharpener are positioned to the right of the notebooks. Several paper clips (one silver, one blue, one white) are scattered around the supplies. A blue ruler is partially visible at the bottom left.

Inductive Bible Study

- 1. Observation*
- 2. Interpretation*
- 3. Application*

1. OBSERVATION

(What does it say?)

- *Five W's and H
(who, what, when, where, why, & how)*
- *Words repeated multiple times*
- *Anything that can be put into a list?*
- *Word or a concept that is being compared or contrasted*



1. OBSERVATION

(What does it say?)

- *Continuation of a thought*
- *Cause and effect*
- *6-8 minutes*



2. INTERPRETATION

(What does it mean?)

- *Blue Letter Bible App*
- *What is the significance of the topic being covered in this passage?*
- *What is the main point the author is trying to communicate?*
- *What is the cultural and historical context of this passage?*



2. INTERPRETATION

(What does it mean?)

- *What else do I already know about the book, the author, and the broader context of the passage?*
- *Is there something in the text that I've overlooked?*
- *Look for the plainest interpretation first*



2. INTERPRETATION

(What does it mean?)

- *Don't start by looking for hidden meaning; start with the obvious*
- *Scripture interprets Scripture*



3. APPLICATION

(How do I apply it to my life?)

- *Is there a central truth that I need to put into practice?*
- *Is there a promise, or a command, or an example that I need to follow?*
- *Is there something that I need to avoid or stop doing altogether.*



3. APPLICATION

(How do I apply it to my life?)

- *Be specific*
- *What is the Lord asking me to do?*
- *Does it challenge how I see the world?*
- *Is there something in my life that does not please the Lord?*





“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom...”.

Proverbs 9:10