## **Mastering the Art** How to Study the Bible: Part 2

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The Bible is meant to \_\_\_\_\_ us, not just to \_\_\_\_\_ us.

Knowledge inflates with pride, but love builds up. If anyone thinks he knows anything, he does not yet know it as he ought to know it. But if anyone loves God, he is known by Him.

1 Corinthians 8:1-3

*Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.* James 1:22

# **Five Guidelines**

1. Choose a translation you \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. Choose a time, a place, and a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) Study a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Bible
  - b) Study a \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bible
  - c) Study \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bible
  - d) Study a \_\_\_\_\_ devotional
  - e) Read through the \_\_\_\_\_ Bible
- 3. Seek to understand the \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Read \_\_\_\_\_\_ and ask \_\_\_\_\_

I am sending him back to you as a part of myself. I wanted to keep him with me, so that in my imprisonment for the gospel he might serve me in your place. But I didn't want to do anything without your consent, so that your good deed might not be out of obligation, but of your own free will. For perhaps this is why he was separated from you for a brief time, so that you might get him back permanently, no longer as a slave, but more than a slave – as a dearly loved brother. He is especially so to me, but even more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

Philemon 12-16

### 5. Pray for God to \_\_\_\_\_ to you – and then

### \_\_\_\_\_ whatever He shows you

So if you consider me a partner, accept him as you would me. And if he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. Philemon 17-18

"Take care of him. When I come back I'll reimburse you for whatever extra you spend.""

Luke 10:35

*I*, *Paul*, write this with my own hand: I will repay it – not to mention to you that you owe me even your own self.

Philemon 19

### <u>Pro Tip</u>: \_\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Yet He Himself bore our sicknesses, and He carried our pains... But He was pierced because of our transgressions, crushed because of our iniquities; the punishment for our peace was on Him, and we are healed by His wounds.

Isaiah 53:4-5

<u>Pro Tip</u> : The Bible isn't _	you,
but it is	you.

See yourself in the \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Pro Tip: Go to your \_\_\_\_\_

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.

Ephesians 4:32

\* All scriptures from HCSB unless otherwise noted