

## Reese Study of the Bible Principles

1. Prayer for guidance and illumination of the Spirit in your studies.
  - a. Spiritual truth is only taught by the Spirit.
    1. Unsaved can not know the things of God.
    2. The Spirit glorifies not Himself but Christ.
    3. Spiritual truth is taught by the Holy Spirit using the Bible.
  - b. Disobedience to light hinders more light.
    1. The Spirit teaches line upon line.
    2. The Spirit gives "here a little, there a little."
  - c. Motive for study is more important than study itself.
    1. Personal benefit.
    2. Edification of others.
2. Let the Bible itself be the major textbook on the subject.
3. Recognize past traditions and prejudicial ideas.
4. Have great compassion on others but be strict with yourself.
5. Persistent attention to a particular topic.
  - a. Read all the passages pertaining to the subject.
    1. Concordance.
    2. Both English and original language words.
    3. Related topics.
  - b. Utilize all the language tools.
    1. Original language.
    2. Dictionary.
    3. Syntax and grammar.
    4. Let the KJB be the authority.
  - c. Commentaries and sermons.
6. Attitude toward the scripture.
  - a. Believe the Book.
  - b. Know who is speaking.
  - c. Recognize its divisions.
  - d. Avoid artificial divisions.
  - e. Do not create division for the sake of division.
  - f. Know the difference in application and doctrine.
7. Apply the truth you learn.
  - a. Use it or lose it.
  - b. Combine studies with some practical use of your conclusions.
  - c. Test your doctrines.
  - d. Be willing to change.
    1. No one has all the truth on a subject.
    2. Proper study of the Bible is an unending learning experience.
    3. Normal spiritual growth demands change.
    4. Fundamental doctrines do not change, understanding of them should.