

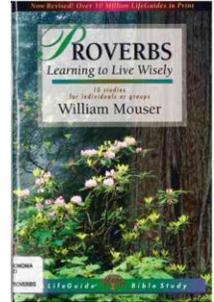
PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY

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 competent, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV

1. GETTING STARTED

Bible study guides are a good way to get started with personal Bible study, helping you learn to read and observe carefully as well as digging out the meaning and application. Notice the kinds of questions the various guides ask, and select one for your purposes. Writing your answers (in a journal, not in the library book) helps you to think carefully.



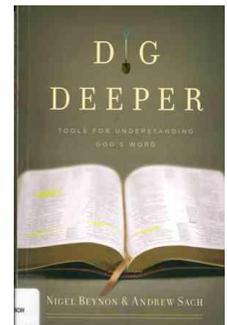
2. BECOMING MORE INDEPENDENT

We must know what the text says and means in its own context before we can begin to properly interpret and apply it.

Study Kit (K-DVD BIBLE) This is actually a set of CDs. Reading material is supplemental, not essential

Knowing Scripture (220.6 SPROUL) A wonderful introduction for really understanding the Bible.

Dig Deeper (220.6 BEYNON) Each chapter has a different "tool" that empowers the reader to understand better what the Bible is saying. At the end of each chapter is an example of how to use the specific study skill which takes the form of an abbreviated Bible study.



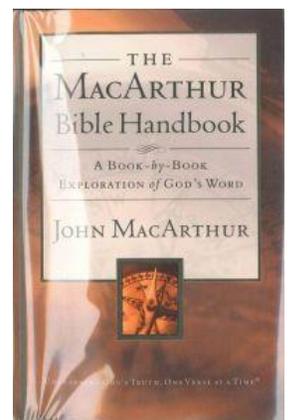
3. USING REFERENCE BOOKS

Commentaries are valuable, but should be used *after* you have learned to read the Bible text carefully. We have a variety of commentaries for both beginners and more advanced students. For Old Testament, see the shelves at 222-224; New Testament is at 226-228. Look them over to see which fits your needs.

Bible Dictionaries are great for background (not just definitions) on specific people, places and things named in the Bible. (see shelves at 220.3)

Bible Handbooks usually give historical and cultural information, plus valuable background on each book of the Bible (see shelves at 220.7).

Concordances are word indexes to scripture helping you find a passage you can't quite remember, and usually including Hebrew and Greek dictionaries (see the shelves at 220.2). Online Bibles include search capability.



Study Bibles have introductory information for each book of the Bible as well as helpful notes through the text. For theological help, try the Reformation study Bible. The **ESV Study Bible** has a fine balance of background and commentary. Bibles are shelved at 220.5.