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This brand-new guide provides a brief, concise overview of personal Bible study for the layperson. Long-time Bible teacher Robert West gives insight into the types, tools, and techniques of personal study, offering both practical guidance and encouragement to pursue the command of 2 Timothy 2:15 ("Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth"). Covering topics such as the inductive method, word studies, commentaries, dictionaries, and concordances, How to Study the Bible also emphasizes the personal benefits of private Bible time.

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From Reader Review How to Study the Bible for online ebook

Joel Rockey says

Solid. Good starting point for Bible study.

Gloomy Cas says

Very helpful tools. Rec this to anyone who needs to learn how to read the Bible.

Scott K says

I am planning to teach a course in prison ministry on basic Christian Discipleship, Bible Interpretation being one of the modules has me researching various books.

Robert West's How to Study the Bible is not a high level approach and gives some primary practices that are worth noting. It is very easy to read.

For a more in depth book on this subject Robert Stein's 'A Basic Guide to Interpreting the Bible' was recommended to me. I certain there are other books that are more advanced but my objective is basic interpretation for a beginners level.

I've not yet read Stein's book but have a Kindle version and have it in my reading schedule for a February start.

Katherine Forster says

Excellent Bible Study Overview

How to Study the Bible by Bob West is a great, concise overview of personal Bible study. It's written in a more scholarly style but it gives a very simple, clear overview of the basic principles; as well as sections on motivation and preparing your own heart. Definitely recommend!

Dave says

Our pastor just completed a course based on this book. I found both the course & book very helpful. Often I wonder, "am I studying the right way." This book helped clear that up by explaining the different methods available. Highly recommend.

Melissa says

A helpful book, though short and mostly review for me. I appreciated the links to Bible study websites, and just the encouragement to read and study the powerful Word of God.

Johnnaye Edmond says

I read this book in about an hour. It was actually just sitting on my book shelf for I don't know how long, but it caught my eye because I have been pondering how to get myself on a consistent, regular schedule of bible reading. It is that part of my spiritual life that is severely lacking. Well, the book did its job because now I'm motivated, and I'm getting started as I just needed that little push. I did get some helpful tips, and the additional resources provided have been helpful. However, I don't believe the average person would learn anything new from this book. I found it to be a motivator for me, and maybe it is meant to be just that.

Lana says

Very helpful especial in the 2nd to last chapter where West leads you on what other books you could use to help studying the bible. I currently have the concordance he recommends The Strongs Exhaustive Concordance. This is a very important resource. He also includes websites in his book.

This book is easy to understand and is a great help for the first time reader or the advanced. First and most important starting book is your Bible. Joyful reading.

Marlene Banks says

Good information for people wanting direction on how to approach personal Bible study.

Mark Austin says

- ★ - Most books with this rating I never finish and so don't make this list. This one I probably started speed-reading to get it over with.
- ★★ - Average. Wasn't terrible, but not a lot to recommend it. Probably skimmed parts of it.
- ★★★ - Decent. A few good ideas, well-written passages, interesting characters, or the like.
- ★★★★ - Good. This one had parts that inspired me, impressed me, made me laugh out loud, made me think - it got positive reactions and most of the rest of it was pretty decent too.
- ★★★★★ - Amazing. This is the best I've read of its genre, the ones I hold on to so I can re-read them and/or loan them out to people looking for a great book. The best of these change the way I look at the world and operate within it.

Rick Diamod says

Was hoping for more detail on the subject. Otherwise excellent read!

Must read, however abrupt end! Would have liked some more on the mechanics and practice using the study method covered.

Joe says

Must read for any serious student of the Bible

Easy to understand and very helpful in giving clear examples of bible study resources. Not just information but this book has several meaningful stories to help connect with the reader.

Jack Galloway says

Great Instructional

I enjoyed reading this, it is full of good information and council on how to study the bible. I recommend it.

david andino says

Excellent book cleared my mind on some things.

Excellent book great examples and I like that scriptures was used in this book. Will use these methods in my daily studies.

Stephen Bowen says

A good guide

a good guide book with references to other study aids. Recommend reading for anyone wanting to further study the Bible.
