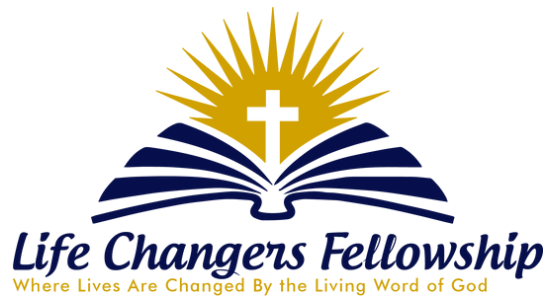




SERIES TITLE	STUDYING THE BIBLE FOR UNDERSTANDING & PRACTICE
SERIES FOUNDATION SCRIPTURE	John 6:63 HOLMAN CHRISTIAN STANDARD BIBLE (HCSB) <i>The Spirit is the One who gives life. The flesh doesn't help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.</i>
SERIES REFERENCES	<p><i>How to Study the Bible: Practical Advice for Receiving Light From God's Word</i> Watchman Nee, 1999, Living Stream Ministry (ISBN: 978-0-7363-0407-8)</p> <p><i>How to Study the Bible</i> Robert M. West, 2007, Barbour Publishing (ISBN: 978-1-59789-706-8)</p> <p><i>How to Study the Bible</i> Dwight L. Moody, 2017 Updated Edition, Aneko Press (ISBN: 978-1-62245-456-3)</p>
OUR STUDY POINTS FOR THIS LESSON	<p><b>MAIN STUDY POINT</b> One must settle with oneself that the Word of God is God truly showing Himself to us, and by doing so, He offers us life via the Spirit and infusing our spirits. <b>John 6:60-63 / 2 Timothy 3:16-17</b></p> <p><b>METHODS PHASE</b> <b>Main Method Principle (Not a Method):</b> <b>Understand the Structure and Layout of the Bible</b> Understanding the structure and layout of the Bible helps us with understanding what is being said, to whom it is being said, and what was intended by the Spirit. This leads us to understanding ultimately how a scripture, verse, or passage may be applied to our own lives.</p> <p><b>We want to understand what the Bible means, and interpreting the Bible requires an approach.</b></p> <p><b>APPROACHES TO STUDY THE BIBLE</b> Dwight L. Moody provides the concept of <b>telescope vs. microscope</b>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Telescope</b> - reading an entire book of the Bible to understand overall concept, thought, etc.</li> <li>◦ <b>Microscope</b> - Taking a verse at a time, dissecting it, and discovering what the Spirit intended</li> </ul> <p>Dr. A.T. Pierson (as quoted by Dwight L. Moody in <i>How to Study the Bible</i>) wrote that when we read Scripture we need to understand/make observation of:</p> <p><b>Place</b> Where Written - <b>Person</b> by Whom Written - <b>People</b> to Whom Written - <b>Purpose</b> for Which Written - <b>Period</b> At [During] Which Written</p> <p>All these have bearing on <b>interpretation</b> and <b>application</b>.</p>



<p>OUR STUDY POINTS FOR THIS LESSON</p>	<p><b>Concepts for Bible Study</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Observation</b> - We pay close attention to what the text <i>actually</i> says. Our brains have a knack for filling in or inserting words that are not on the page.</li> <li>2. <b>Interpretation</b> - What does the scripture mean? We can ask Holy Spirit, "What did you intend when you inspired this verse?"</li> <li>3. <b>Application</b> - How can this be applied to my life? To my situation? While there is a lot that is explicit in the Bible, not everything is there in print. Holy Spirit is our Great Helper when it comes to applying the Word to our lives.</li> </ol> <p><b>Keys for Bible Study</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Search the Scriptures</b> - We purposefully search the Scriptures for what we need. <b>John 5:39 / Acts 17:10-12</b></li> <li>2. <b>Memorize the Scripture</b> - We make a point to commit Scripture to memory so that we can recall it when we ourselves or others need them. <b>Proverbs 4:20-22 THE VOICE / Acts 20:35</b></li> <li>3. <b>Compare the Scriptures</b> - We read the Word and compare that to other portions of the Word to ensure that we get a more complete understanding. <b>2 Peter 1:20</b></li> <li>4. <b>Meditate on the Scriptures</b> - We are to dwell on the Word of God, ponder the Scriptures, speak aloud the Scriptures. Doing so helps us to get the mind of the Spirit. <b>Acts 8:6b</b></li> </ol>
<p>THOUGHTS ON THE LESSON</p>	<p>Holy Spirit is our Helper when it comes to studying the Bible. We do not have to do this (i.e., study the Bible) alone. We have Help! Indeed, we have Divine Help available to us--helping us to grow and mature in God's Word so that we can carry out our Kingdom Assignments in confidence (knowing that our Helper helps us all along the way).</p>