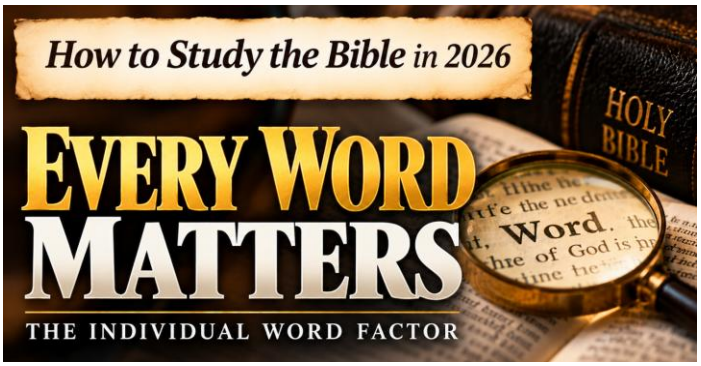


Series: How to Study the Bible in 2026

INTRODUCTION

2 Timothy 2:15 – *<u>Study</u> to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **<u>rightly</u> <u>dividing</u> the word of truth**.*

God has chosen specific words to communicate His truth. Therefore, careful Bible study ***<u>must</u>*** pay attention not only to the general message of a passage, but also to **the individual words**.

Psalm 119:130 *The entrance of **thy words** giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple.*

Deut 6:6-7 *And **these words**, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach **them** diligently unto thy children…*

For many years now, books and leadership conferences have been encouraging Christians and church leaders to stop using the phrase, "The Bible says." They say this is because the word of God in its entirety brings up unanswered questions and scares people away. And leadership "experts" assert that we cannot present our children with an all or nothing proposition because the Bible is almost impossible to defend. (they say)

What?!? Impossible to defend? The Bible stands alone above all books! They are liars.

Several years ago, a major poll indicated that two-thirds of young people will leave the church once they live on their own. Further research showed these kids were doubting the truth and thus began to disbelieve the Bible at a very young age. Another study published results that around 90% of those who leave the church attended public schools, where by and large God, creation, the Bible, and prayer (Christianity) have been thrown out.

The answer to this dilemma is to stop entertaining the kids and give them real answers from God's holy Book! Teach them the Bible. Give them a purpose for life and eternity with Jesus Christ. We ***<u>must</u>*** teach them that the Bible is all or nothing! The word of God is all or nothing! Either we fully embrace it in its entirety or it is powerless.

We believe every word of the Bible! A perfect Bible has power to change lives. So, unleash it!

1. God has chosen every individual word in the Bible for a purpose

John 20:30 *And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are **<u>not</u> written in this book**:*

20:31 *But **these are written**, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.*

John 21:25 *And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they **should be written every one**, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain **the books that should be written**. Amen.*

John explains that Jesus did many other things that were not written down in his Gospel. We *must* understand we must have **the most important words** in this world in the Bible!

The Holy Ghost guided biblical writers to record exactly what God intended for us to have.

Every word of God matters and is the key. **(* This makes concordance vitally important!)**

This directly opposes the idea that man's interpretation of God's intended thoughts, message, concepts, and ideals matter more. *(The modern translations stated procedure and goal)*

Proverbs 30:5	***Every word** of God is pure…*
Deuteronomy 6:6-7; 8:3	*And these **words**… **them**… but by **every word**…*
Psalm 19:7-11	*The law of the LORD is **perfect**…*
Psalm 33:6	*By **the word** of the LORD were the heavens made…*
Psalm 119:130	*The entrance of **thy words** giveth light…*
Psalm 138:2	*… thou hast magnified **thy word** above all thy name.*
Matthew 4:4, 7, 10	*… **every word**… it is **written**… for it is **written**…*
Luke 9:26	*For whosoever… ashamed of me and of **my words**…*
Acts 17:11	*… **received the word** with all readiness of mind…*

This is why God does *not* want anyone to ADD, SUBTRACT, or CHANGE His perfect words!

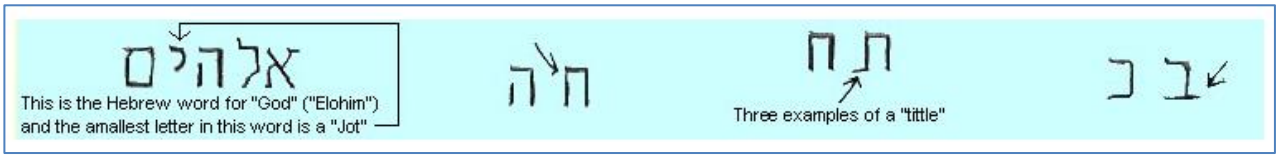
Practical application:
When you study a passage, ask, "Why did God use this particular word or phrase?"

2. The words themselves are most important!

The Bible does not *just* contain *the words of God*; the Bible ***is** the word of God!*

KEY This is a problem with the hundreds of modern versions which have as their stated purpose and methods of translation to care less about the exact words and more about what they believe is the general thought, idea, or concept of the passage.

Matthew 5:18 *For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, **one jot** or **one tittle** shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.* ***Jot or Jod (Psalm 119:73); Tittle (Psalm 119:57 & 69)***



A ***jot*** refers to the smallest Hebrew letter *(looks like an apostrophe in English)*.
A ***tittle*** refers to the smallest distinguishing stroke in a letter in Hebrew.

KEY If the Lord Jesus Christ emphasized the smallest details of Scripture and noted that they will all be fulfilled, we should not treat the wording as unimportant.

3. God preserved the English Bible exactly the way He intended.

The Translators of the beloved King James Bible were honest with the words they chose!

Some Examples

Hebrews 4:8; Acts 7:45 **"Jesus"** is used instead of ***Joshua*** (historical context)

The KJV uses the Greek form of the name Joshua. ***Jesus*** and ***Joshua*** share the same name. Therefore, God connects Jesus with the OT book of Joshua!

Acts 19:37, 27 **"churches"** is used instead of ***temples*** (pagan temples)

The KJV wording is *churches* not *temples*. Therefore, God connects churches with temples in the Bible. Therefore, we should look for temples to Diana and other pagan gods which will be going by **the name of a church** <u>not a temple</u>! Wow!

Psalm 12:6, 7 **"words"** in verse 6 are directly connected to "them" in verse 7

The KJV provides us with God's promise to preserve His words! Modern versions have changed the "them" in verse 7 to "people" and "us" … check it out!

John 1:1 **"God"** is changed to "a god" in the Jehovah's Witness bible!

Does one word in the Bible make a difference? You better believe it! The JWs have changed the doctrine of Jesus Christ to be "a god" and not the one true God!

Joel 2:28 **"afterward"** denotes a period that ***<u>follows</u>*** the start of the Lord's Day!

Does one word matter? Absolutely! The false prophets of our day want the Jewish sign gifts for themselves. ***Acts 2*** (Pentecost) was not the fulfillment of ***Joel 2:28*** – it is ***<u>after</u> the day of the Lord begins!*** *(Compare Joel 2:28-32 to Rev 6:12; Mt 24:29; Acts 2:20)*

Question: If a single word can affect how we understand a passage, what danger comes from treating the precise wording as unimportant?

4. God uses key words and phrases to teach His truth

God uses ***key words*** and ***phrases*** to communicate truth…
They establish context and provide ***keys*** for comparing scripture with scripture (with concordance)
Many common words and phrases of everyday life come from the text of the KJV Bible.

Same Examples

"That day"; "the day"; "the day of the Lord" Begins at Rapture, ends close of Millenium

"Those days"; "woman in travail"; time of Jacob's trouble" Tribulation Period
Judges 17:6; 18:1; 19:1; 21:25; Jeremiah 31:33; 33:15-16; 50:4, 20

"Without a cause" The innocent accusation and death of our Lord Jesus Christ
Psalm 69:4; 109:3; 119:78; John 15:23-25 (Modern versions omit in ***<u>Matthew 5:22</u>***)

"Innocent blood" The death of Jesus Christ (*Deut 19:10; 21:9; Proverbs 6:17;* ***<u>Mt 27:4</u>***)

"Three days"; "third day" Resurrection and new life (*Genesis 22:4* – Abraham/Isaac)

5. We must believe God's promises concerning His words

God has promised to ***preserve*** His ***WORDS***.

Psalm 12:6-7 *… thou shalt **preserve them** from this generation for ever.*

Isaiah 59:21 *… **my words**… from henceforth and for ever.*

It is impossible for God to lie!

Titus 1:2 *… which God, **that cannot lie**, promised before the world began;*

Hebrews 6:18 *… in which **it was impossible for God to lie**…*

A. This truth ***must* affect how we study**

If you will approach the Bible with the attitude that **every word is critically important**…
… that **every word** is in fact the word and words of God…
… it will change what you see and what you understand! And it will change your life!

If we believe that God has preserved His words for us:

- We will care about them and love them more than our necessary food! ***Job 23:12***
- We will not let any of God's words fall to the ground! ***1 Samuel 3:19***
- We will not dismiss a word simply because it challenges our assumptions or ideas.
- We will not force a passage to support a doctrine before examining its context.
- We will compare Scripture with Scripture (next week's factor) to prove all things.
- We will distinguish what the text says from what we (or others) think it means.

B. The Jewish scribes knew they had God's words

The Jewish scribes took great care of God's words when they understood what they were entrusted with.

Romans 3:2 *… because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.*

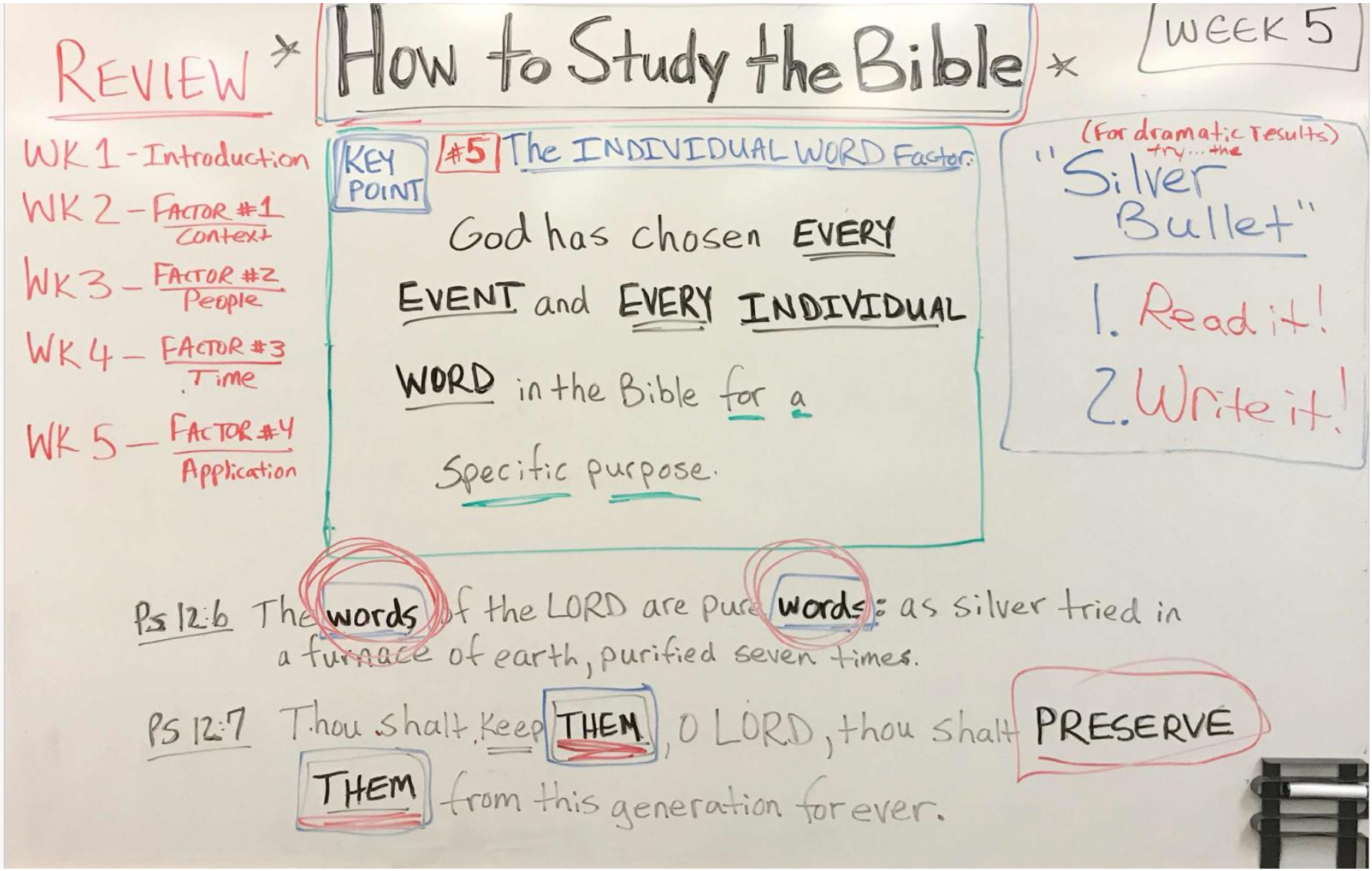
The Bible will become the key of David *(**Revelation 3:7**)* in your hands when you by faith become *fully persuaded* that what God has promised, He was able also to perform!

C. The word of God must be received by faith

Our approach to Scripture affects how we study it, what we believe, and how we live.

Romans 4:21 *And **being fully persuaded** that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.*

1 Thess 2:13 *For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because,*
***when ye received the word of God** which ye heard of us,*
ye received it not as the word of men,
but as it is in truth,
the word of God,
which effectually worketh also in you that believe.


REVIEW
How to Study the Bible
WEEK 5
WK 1 - Introduction
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KEY POINT
#5 The INDIVIDUAL WORD Factor:
God has chosen EVERY EVENT and EVERY INDIVIDUAL WORD in the Bible for a Specific purpose.
(For dramatic results) try... the "Silver Bullet"
1. Read it!
2. Write it!
Ps 12:6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.
Ps 12:7 Thou shalt keep THEM, O LORD, thou shalt PRESERVE THEM from this generation forever.

TIME TO THINK

Things that are **different** are **NOT** the ***same***.

Psalm 12:6 The ***words*** of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

Psalm 12:7

KJV	Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever. © Info
NIV	You, LORD, will keep the needy safe and will protect us forever from the wicked, © Info
NASB	You, O LORD, will keep them; You will preserve him from this generation forever. © Info
RSV	Do thou, O LORD, protect us, guard us ever from this generation.

Psalm 138:2

KJV	I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name. © Info
NIV	I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. © Info
NASB	I will bow down toward Your holy temple And give thanks to Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word according to all Your name. © Info
RSV	I bow down toward thy holy temple and give thanks to thy name for thy steadfast love and thy faithfulness; for thou hast exalted above everything thy name and thy word.