

# The Goal and Practice of Bible Study





## Foundational Truth about God's Word from 1 Peter 1:23-2:3

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# The Greek Verb

- Has 5 parts
  - **Person** – first (“I” or “We”), second (“you” or “you all”), third (“he” “she” “it” or “they”)
  - **Number** – distinguishes between singular or plural
  - **Tense, Form or Aspect** – how the author portrays the situation in relation to time and aspect, or the type of action
    - (Incomplete [present or imperfect], Complete [aorist], state-of-being [perfect & pluperfect])
  - **Voice** – the way the speaker relates the subject of the verb to the action of the verb (active, middle, passive)
  - **Mood** – Describes the verb in relation to reality (indicative, imperative, subjunctive, and optative)



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An open Bible is shown with a silver and black pen and a yellow pencil resting on its pages. The Bible is open to a page with text, and a yellow highlighter has been used to mark a section. The background is a solid light blue.

# *The Goal of Bible Study*

*What is the Goal of Bible Study?*



John 17:17

“Sanctify them by Your truth, Your word is truth.”



## Matthew 28:19-20

<sup>19</sup>“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.



## James 1:22-25

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. <sup>25</sup> But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.



## Romans 8:5-6

<sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.



## Romans 12:1-2

<sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.* <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.



## 2 Corinthians 3:17–18

Please read the handout – chapter 2 “God’s Marvelous Mirror” – from the book *Six Secrets of the Christian Life* by Zane Hodges



# The Practice of Bible Study

*The Accurate Handling of Scripture*



## 2 Timothy 2:15

<sup>15</sup> *Be diligent* to present yourself *approved* to God, a *worker* who does not need to be ashamed, *rightly dividing* the word of truth.

