Bible Study Principles



The Study Of The Bible

THE BIBLE IS THE WORLD'S GREATEST, MOST MIRACULOUS, MOST AMAZING, AND MOST GLORIOUS BOOK! Amongst all the books ever written, THE BIBLE STANDS **UNIQUE!** It was written over a time span of **1600 years**, by a variety of men who were **inspired** by the Holy Spirit in their thinking and writing. Though these men lived in different parts of the world, and were of various walks of life, and though they wrote under a variety of circumstances, and in a variety of literary form, yet THERE IS A PERFECT CONTINUITY OF THOUGHT AND PURPOSE! The Bible is a library of 66 books, yet IT IS ONE BOOK, with practicality to all people of all times, in all places! Though it is an ancient book, IT IS ALWAYS A **RELEVANT BOOK!** Though it is one book. IT CONTAINS MORE THAN ALL BOOKS COMBINED, and its contents can never be exhausted or mastered! Although the Bible has been read and studied more than any other book, and though whole libraries of works have been written as commentaries upon its teachings, and although millions of sermons have been preached from it, IT HAS NEVER BEEN EXHAUSTED OR MASTERED! Though the Bible is a supernatural book, yet it is not written in supernatural language, but it is written as a revelation in simple human language! IT IS WRITTEN TO REVEAL AND UNVEIL, NOT TO CONCEAL! And yet, it is beyond the natural mind of man (I Corinthians 2:14), not because of obscurity of style, but because of the greatness of its Author (Isaiah 55:8-9).

Again, the Bible is a **unique** book, and as such, **it is not to be treated just as any other book is treated!** Today so-called *Christianity* abounds with superficiality, and is so far removed from what is described in the Bible, and one of the reasons for this, is **indifference toward the Bible!** If we are going to be what we ought to be, **THE BIBLE MUST HAVE A PLACE OF DAILY IMPORTANCE AND PROMINENCE IN OUR LIVES!** The spiritual health of a child of God is connected with what they do with the Bible! It is not enough to give the Bible an occasional place in the life, or take it to church, **IT MUST HAVE A PLACE OF DAILY IMPORTANCE AND PROMINENCE IN OUR LIVES! Whatever God calls upon us to do with the Bible, is to be done daily, and continuously**, and with great <u>diligence</u>, and <u>thoroughness!</u> **THE DAILY AND CONTINUOUS PLACE OF THE BIBLE IN OUR LIVES CANNOT BE OVERSTATED OR OVEREMPHASIZED!** Paul wrote to Timothy in **II Timothy 3:16** that *"all scripture is........profitable"* That is; *"the Bible is of great benefit, value, and use"* Whatever God calls upon us to do with the **Bible, IT IS MEANT FOR OUR SPIRITUAL PROFIT**, and if it is not spiritually profitable to us, **the fault lies not with the Bible!**