

I Know:

I Can Understand the Bible

I. I Must Settle In My _____ and _____ Some Foundational Truths

- A. The Bible is an _____ Book
- B. ___ can _____ the Bible
- C. Beware of the doctrine of the Nicolaitans mentioned by Jesus in Revelation 2:6, 15

II. I will learn the Bible as the _____ teaches me.

- A. _____ kills!
- B. How much you learn depends solely upon your _____ with God.

"If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." (John 14:15-17)

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you." (John 16:13-14)

*"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."
(John 17:17)*

- C. **The Holy Spirit leads us into all _____.** This only applies to believers who have the Spirit

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

(1 Cor. 2:14)

III. I will learn the Bible by learning the _____ that focus my Bible study.

- A. _____ **Factor**

Whose mail am I reading? (James 1:1)

- B. _____ **Factor (Dispensationalism or Right Division) We will study this later**

The Bible has proper divisions, and you must understand these divisions in order to understand the message.

(Eph. 1:12)

- C. _____ **Factor**

There is no understanding of the Bible without a proper understanding that the Bible is written to three types of people. (1 Cor. 10:32)

1. Jew
2. Gentile
3. The church of God

- D. _____ **Words Factor**

God chose to use a limited number of words in the bible so every one of them is in the Bible for a specific purpose.

(John 20:31; 21:25)

E. _____ **Factor**

The invisible things of God are understood by the creation which He has made. (Rom. 1:20)

F. _____ **Factor**

The Bible is of no private interpretation. We understand His Word by comparing Scripture with Scripture! The Bible is a self-defining Book! (I Corinthians 2:13; John 6:63)

G. _____ **Meaning Factor**

Never violate a clear passage when trying to understand an unclear one. (John 3:16)

H. **Direct** _____ **Factor**

Never base a doctrine on a question. (I Cor. 15:29)

I. _____ **Factor**

The Bible must be understood in the light of God's consistency. God sets up patterns! (I Thess. 5:1-2)

J. _____ **Factor**

Always take a passage literally, until it is impossible to do so, or if we have the clear instruction of Scripture that we are dealing with symbolism. (II Pet. 1:20; Mt 13:44)

K. _____ **Factor**

Always be prepared to change whatever you have been taught or you have believed when it goes contrary to the Bible. Never make the Bible line up with what you believe. Always line yourself up with what the Bible clearly says. (Psalm 119:104, 128)

L. Infinite _____ Factor

You will never completely understand God. (Is 55:8-9)
You do have the mind of Christ. (1 Cor 2:16)

**IV. I will understand God's clear _____ in
Scripture**

(2 Tim. 3:15-17)

A. We learn from this text that even a copy of the originals is inspired of God

B. They make us _____ unto salvation

C. We learn four primary functions of Scripture

1. Doctrine: God's truth in God's _____

2. Reproof: Teaches me what's _____

3. Correction: Teaches me how to get

4. Instruction in righteousness: Teaches me how to

_____ right

**D. We learn God's objectives for Scripture in the
believer - to thoroughly furnish you to every
good _____**