

BE STRONG FALL - 2026 - SNOWBIRD OUTFITTERS

**BIBLE BASICS: READING, STUDYING,
AND MEMORIZATION**

INTRO

- ▶ The Bible is the normative way that God speaks to His people. We call it, "God's Word"
- ▶ 2 Tim 2:15 "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, **rightly handling the word of truth.**"
- ▶ We must have a thorough knowledge of God's Word, properly interpreted if we are going to use it responsibly with others.
- ▶ "If you want to hear God speak, read your Bible. If you want to hear God speak audibly, read your Bible out loud." - Justin Peters

PSALM 119:33-40

- ▶ “Teach me, O LORD, the way of **your statutes**; and I will keep it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your **law** and observe it with my whole heart. Lead me in **the path of your commandments**, for I delight in it. Incline my heart to your **testimonies**, and not to selfish gain! Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways. Confirm to your servant your promise, that you may be feared. Turn away the reproach that I dread, for **your rules are good**. Behold, I long for **your precepts**; in your righteousness give me life!”

3 DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES

- ▶ Read all the Bible all the time (Bible Reading)
- ▶ Study deeply in one place (Bible Study)
- ▶ Commit God's Word to memory (Scripture Memory)

READ ALL THE BIBLE ALL THE TIME

- ▶ Find a realistic plan to be constantly reading through the Bible (Bible App, ESV App)
 - ▶ Every year?
 - ▶ Every 2 years?
 - ▶ Straight through or both/and?
- ▶ 2 Timothy 3:16,17 "**All** Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

FIND ONE PLACE TO DIG DEEP – STUDY

- ▶ Pick a book
- ▶ Get an overall idea of the genre and context
- ▶ Read it all the way through (get the general road map)
- ▶ Then start over and read it slowly
- ▶ Write down what you are learning

PRACTICAL STEPS – SCRIPTURE MEDITATION

- ▶ Observation - What does it say?
- ▶ Interpretation - What does it mean?
- ▶ Application - How should I think, feel, or act differently?

HELPFUL TIPS

- ▶ The more you do this, the better you will get at it and the more that you will pick up.
- ▶ What did it mean to the original audience? and how can we apply that to our lives today?
- ▶ Look for themes, repeated ideas, repeated words, purpose statements, specific traits of different authors
- ▶ Pay attention to: Description and Prescription

ADDITIONAL TOOLS

- ▶ Study Bible - ESV Study Bible
- ▶ Commentary - Tim Challies
- ▶ biblicaltraining.org

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Classes

Overview

Old Testament

New Testament

Books Of The Bible

Biblical Studies

Theology

Discipleship

Ministry

Missions

Philosophy

Church History

Spanish

Hindi

Chinese

Arabic

Biblical Studies

This listing has a wide range of classes over many topics related to the Bible. They include hermeneutics (how to study the Bible), how the Bible was written and passed down through the centuries, and why the Bible is trustworthy.

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INSTITUTE

Listen to the Land (Biblical Geography)

Cyndi Parker, PhD

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FOUNDATIONS

Bible Survey, A Big Screen Perspective

Bert Downs

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52 Major Stories of the Bible

Bill Mounce, PhD

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Reading the Bible Better

George Guthrie, PhD

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Biblical Exegesis

Mark Strauss, PhD

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ACADEMY

Hermeneutics

Todd Miles, PhD

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INSTITUTE

Biblical Hermeneutics

Robert Stein, PhD

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Why I Trust My Bible

Bill Mounce, PhD

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Why We Believe the Bible

John Piper, ThD

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MEMORIZATION

- ▶ Memorize Fighter Verses
 - ▶ Memorize verses that you personally need in your own sanctification
 - ▶ Lust, pride, greed, laziness, discipline
- ▶ Memorize large portions of Scripture

FINAL CHALLENGE

- ▶ You are called to be the pastor of your home
- ▶ Every man is a theologian... it just depends if you are a good one or not
- ▶ Becoming a man of the Word takes time (and time away from other things) but it's worth it.
- ▶ Put down your phone and pick up your Bible.