

10. Commentary
Last resort

Remember ... other people's notes

Good for cultural notes and context

Look for lots of cross references

"The Bible Knowledge Commentary" - Dallas Theological Seminary

"The Bible Exposition Commentary" - Warren Wiersbe

Old School vs. Digital

Be careful—check doctrinal statements and affiliations

Bible Study Software

FREE— The Blue Letter Bible

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/>

Recommended for serious study and ministry—Logos ... Starter

<https://www.logos.com/>

Next Week: The Easy Process of Bible Study



Purpose of this series:

To help you be in your Bible in a meaningful way. You'll learn to discover truths of God, remember them, and apply them to your Christian walk.

Today's Lesson 2: The Tools To Bible Study

2 Tools for marking your Treasure Map

Mechanical pencil—.05 lead

Pentel—multi-color pencil

10 Recommended Tools for Digging Into God's Word:

1. A Good Translation Study Bible -

Translation philosophy

"Dynamic Equivalence" "Formal Equivalence"

Wide Margins

Cross Reference

Translation Notes

"The New Inductive Study Bible" ESV—wide margin

2. The Questioning Mind - Who / What / When / Where / Why / So What

Constantly be asking yourself questions

Then go look up the answers—using tools

3. Merriam / Webster Dictionary
“What does that word mean?”

Print or Online

4. A Bible Dictionary
Biblical definitions and cross references

“Easton’s Bible Dictionary”
“Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary”
“Eerdmans Bible Dictionary”

5. A Bible Handbook
Overview / Authorship / Dates / Book outlines

“Holman Illustrated Bible Handbook”
“Halley’s Bible Handbook”
“The Baker Illustrated Bible Handbook”

6. A Concordance with Lexicon

Following a word

The Lexicon notations

“ESV Exhaustive Concordance”

7. Greek and Hebrew Dictionary
The Greek & Hebrew words with cross references

Cross referenced to Concordance with Lexicon

“Vines Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words”

8. Bible Atlas
Maps and locations / background

“Crossway ESV Bible Atlas”
“Zondervan Atlas of the Bible”

9. Misc other study helps

“Treasury of Scripture Knowledge”

“The Baker Illustrated Guide to Everyday Life in Bible Times”