

## ESSENTIALS TO BIBLE READING

Reference: Miscellaneous Scripture

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The Bible is the best-selling book of all time; but, for some reason more and more people aren't reading the Bible. That is unfortunate because the Bible is a book God intended to be read both in public and in private.

References: **Colossians 4:16; I Thessalonians 5:27; Revelation 1:3**  
(see screen)

Three blessings mentioned in **Revelation 1:3**:

- One – Blessed is the person who \_\_\_\_\_ this book.  
*“Blessed is he who **reads**...the words of this prophecy”*
- Two – Blessed is the person who \_\_\_\_\_ this book **read**.  
*“Blessed (are) those who **hear** the words of this prophecy”*
- Three – Blessed is the person who \_\_\_\_\_ on what he has **read** and what he has **heard read** from this book.  
*“and **keep** those things which are written in it”*

Six Suggestions for Effective Personal Bible Reading:

Suggestion One... Read the Bible on a \_\_\_\_\_ basis.

References: **Deuteronomy 17:19a; Acts 17:11; Job 23:12b; Jeremiah 15:16** (see screen)

Suggestion Two... Prepare \_\_\_\_\_ before starting to read.

We should \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves for unconfessed sin.  
Reference: **I Peter 2:1-2** (see screen)

We should \_\_\_\_\_ before reading.  
Reference: **Psalms 119:18; Luke 24:44-45** (see screen)

Suggestion Three... Read the Bible in a \_\_\_\_\_ sense.

Suggestion Four... Read the Bible \_\_\_\_\_.  
Reference: **Acts 8:30** (see screen)

Suggestion Five... Incorporate the \_\_\_\_\_ rule.  
Reference: **I Timothy 4:13**, *“Till I come, give attention to **reading**, to **exhortation**, to **doctrine**.”*

Critical components:

Component 1 – the actual **reading** itself

Bible translation techniques:

- **Formal equivalence**

Definition: Formal equivalence is a more literal translation technique that translates the original text word for word as much as possible.

Formal equivalence is sometimes called a \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ translation.

Examples: Old King James (KJV), New King James (NKJV), English Standard Version (ESV), New American Standard Bible (NASB)

- **Dynamic equivalence**

Definition: Dynamic equivalence is a less than literal translation technique that translates the original text thought for thought.

Dynamic equivalence is sometimes called a \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ translation.

Examples: New International Version (NIV), New Living Translation (NLT)

Summation: The three components to the **413 rule** are:

**Reading** - answers the question “What does the text say?”

**Doctrine** (\_\_\_\_\_) answers the question “What does the text mean?”

**Exhortation** (\_\_\_\_\_) answers the question “What does the text mean for my life?”

Suggestion Six... Set up a reading schedule and \_\_\_\_\_ !

If you miss a day:

- Don't \_\_\_\_\_ on yourself!
- Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ about it.
- Don't \_\_\_\_\_!

## Component 2 – **doctrine**

The word “doctrine” means \_\_\_\_\_. Doctrine answers the question “What did God \_\_\_\_\_ by what God said?”

Definition: A study Bible contains the biblical text plus additional footnotes and commentary that \_\_\_\_\_ the text.

Examples: Ryrie Study Bible, Life Application Study Bible, Jeremiah Study Bible, Kay Arthur Inductive Study Bible, Archeological Study Bible, Apologetics Study Bible, John MacArthur Study Bible, etc.

## Component 3 – **exhortation**

The word exhortation means \_\_\_\_\_ and requires \_\_\_\_\_.

Ask and answer relevant questions:

- Is there a command to be obeyed?
- Is there a promise to be claimed?
- Is there a sin to be avoided?
- Is there a sin to be confessed?
- Is there an example to be imitated?
- Is there a warning to be aware of?
- Is there a doctrine to be learned?