

SEARCHING FOR TREASURE

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VERSE ANALYSIS

Well... How did you do? Did you like the *Observation Interpretation Application* method? The *Verse Analysis* method is also very easy, but a great method to use to study the Bible.

To use the **Verse Analysis** method, you begin by choosing a verse (or a few short connected verses) for study.

1. Write the verse and the reference (maybe several times using several translations if available) under **VERSE TO STUDY**. Then read the verse(s) slowly and carefully several times thinking about what each is saying.
2. Under **MESSAGE**, write a few sentences describing what you think the verse is saying.
3. Now read the verse before and after to understand it in context. Sometimes you must read several verses on either side to properly determine what the verse is saying. Under the heading **CONTEXT**, make some notes about the verses before and after it.
4. Now it's time to list questions you have while studying the verse under the heading **QUESTIONS**. Always think of at least a couple.
5. Lastly, write out what you will do as a result of this study. This should include things you will stop doing, begin doing, things to confess, or promises to claim. List these under the **APPLICATION** heading.

Let's look at an example and then give it a try!

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VERSE TO STUDY:

“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15 KJV

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.” 2 Tim 2:15 NIV

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15 NASB

Work hard so God can approve you. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15 NLT

☐ I read the verse(s) slowly and carefully several times thinking about each.

MESSAGE:

This verse emphasizes the importance of studying God’s Word. It describes the person who studies as a *workman*. It shows that careful study will allow me to correctly handle God’s Word.

CONTEXT:

Second Timothy 2:8-14 reminds me that I should remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for me. I should stay faithful to Him. If I do, this will affect my lifestyle and how I treat others. Second Timothy 2:16-18 shows us how easily that we can be led astray by false teaching. I am reminded that I must study in order to know and understand God’s Word so that this will not happen to me.

QUESTIONS:

How should I study?

Studying seems to make God like me more... is that true?

How can I correctly handle God’s Word?

How can avoid being ashamed?

APPLICATION:

I must remember the importance of Bible Study in my life. I cannot allow things, people, or busyness to keep me from it. If I want to learn how to handle God’s Word correctly, it will take time in study. I will begin a program of disciplined daily study. I will ask Rob to keep me accountable in my commitment.

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VERSE TO STUDY:

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33 NIV

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” Matthew 6:33 NKJV

"...and he will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern." Matthew 6:33 NLT

“But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” Matthew 6:33 NASB

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MESSAGE:

CONTEXT:

Matthew 6:25-32 _____

Matthew 6:34 _____

QUESTIONS:

APPLICATION:

VERSES FOR FURTHER STUDY:

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MESSAGE:

CONTEXT:

QUESTIONS:

APPLICATION:

VERSES FOR FURTHER STUDY:
