

Bible Study Tips:

I. Study - Understand the A.I.M. (Author's Intended Meaning)

1. Survey the background.
 - Who wrote the book and who was it written to?
 - When was it written?
 - Look for key themes.
2. Examine the context.
 - Immediate context – what is close.
 - The surrounding verses.
 - The overall purpose of that passage.
 - Remote context – anything else in the Bible.
 - Other writings by the same Author.
 - Other places these themes are found in the Bible.
3. Use your High School English classes.
 - Look at the specific choice of words - define them.
 - Take notice of the grammar used.

II. Relate - Look for Contemporary Significance.

1. Find timeless principles.
2. Find parallel life situations.

III. Apply by asking:

1. Where does this touch me in my life?
 - What hope does it give me?
 - What knowledge do I gain?
2. How can I grow from this truth?
 - What is here to guide me in righteousness?
 - What insight is there for me in life?
 - How does this truth bring life to my soul?
 - How does this bring me closer to God?
3. How can I remember this truth?
 - What wisdom have I gained from the knowledge and insight I have learned?
 - Where could I have used this in my past?
 - Where can I use this right now?
 - Where could I use this in the future?
4. Do I understand this well enough to be able to share it with someone else?
 - Where are there opportunities to share this truth?
 - Who, in my life right now, could benefit from this truth?