

How to READ My Bible Well

Part 1

The Significance of the Bible

- Produces spiritual birth – 1 Pe 1:22-25
- Promises spiritual transformation – Ps 19:7
- Promotes spiritual maturity – Heb 5:12-14
with 2 Tim 3:16-17

Five Questions We Must Address

1. *Why do I NOT read my Bible well?*
2. *What should I be aware of as I read?*
3. *What should be my thinking grid as I read my Bible?*
4. *Is there a best translation for reading?*
5. *Is there a method of reading my Bible that will improve my understanding?
(W.B.P.T. Model)*

1. Why do I NOT read well?

- (1) May not be saved – 1 Cor 2:13-16*
- (2) May be harboring sin – Ps 119:9-11*
- (3) May not understand – Acts 18:24-28*
- (4) May have been improperly taught – 2 Pe 3:15-18*
- (5) May not have right motives – 1 Cor 8:1-3*

2. What should I be aware of?

1 Proposition . . . 3 Parts

- (a) *God chose to speak to man . . .*
- (b) *. . . within various human circumstances using various methods of speech . . .*
- (c) *. . . and He personally superintended the written record of His speech*

3. What is the goal of my reading?

(1) To know what God said

- Textual criticism – (not this for us today)
- Textual accuracy/literacy – YOU are sensitive to God's written speech

(2) To know what God meant by what He said

- Meaning is not for the academics, but YOU!

(3) To know what God said and meant allows me to now apply His word to my life today