



Village Missions Contenders Discipleship Initiative

Syllabus

Course: **Bibliology and How to Study the Bible** ~ 2 Timothy 3:16 & 2 Timothy 2:15

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Overview: This is a composite course that lays a foundation for studying the Bible and then leads the student in Bible study exercises built upon that foundation.

Bibliology integrates multiple subjects to provide an understanding of what the Bible is, where it came from, how it was written and why it is to be studied.

How to Study the Bible is a comprehensive Five-Step Bible Study Method that combines word studies in the original languages with circumstantial, biographical and topical studies. The final step is to paraphrase the passage studied.

Many Christians have a fragmented Christian education where their knowledge of Scripture is disjointed. The objective of Bibliology and How to Study the Bible is to provide an approach to studying the Bible that will produce an accurate and unified understanding of Scripture.

Upon completing this course you will have the tools necessary to study the Bible in the original languages, knowledge of Biblical culture that will allow you to better understand the Bible and a framework to integrate those passages studied with the rest of the Bible. The ultimate intent is that in correctly handling 'the Word of Truth' you will come to know what you believe, why you believe it and have the ability to earnestly contend for the Faith.

This course is designed to give the student an appreciation for the Bible as God's Word and the necessity of in-depth study. Those who complete this course will have the tools to conduct independent studies of Scripture and the ability to apply the Rules of Hermeneutics for proper interpretation of the text.

Subjects covered:

- The Doctrine of Inspiration
- Biblical Culture and Its Relationship to Biblical Interpretation
- Survey of Old and New Testaments
- Introduction to Hebrew/Greek Study Tools Including Computer Aided Bible Study
- Hermeneutics
- Typology
- Five-step Bible Study Method
- Classroom work to include but not limited to:
 - Biblical Time Line
 - Quizzes and Tests
- Outside assignments to include but not limited to:
 - Outline each chapter of the Old and New Testaments
 - Reading New Manners & Customs of Bible Times – Gower
 - Completion of Typology Assignment
 - Written work for each of the Five Steps in the Bible Study Method
 - 1) Word Study
 - 2) Circumstantial Study
 - 3) Topical Study
 - 4) Biographical Study
 - 5) Paraphrase

Text Book: THE NEW MANNERS AND CUSTOMS OF BIBLE TIMES by Ralph Gower
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Schedule: INTRODUCTION
OLD & NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY
OLD & NEW TESTAMENT AUTHENTICITY
INSPIRATION & AUTHORITY of SCRIPTURE
INTRODUCTION TO HERMENEUTICS
FIGURES OF SPEECH
RULES OF INTERPRETATION
TYPOLOGY
BIBLE STUDY TOOLS / TAKE HOME MID-TERM TEST
BIBLE STUDY METHODS – WORD STUDY
BIBLE STUDY METHODS - CIRCUMSTANTIAL STUDY
BIBLE STUDY METHODS - TOPICAL STUDY
BIBLE STUDY METHODS - BIOGRAPHICAL STUDY
BIBLE STUDY METHODS – PARAPHRASE
FINAL TEST / REVIEW

