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HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE

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In my years as a minister, I have heard this comment often: "I wish I knew how to study the Bible." People know that reading God's word is good, but not nearly as beneficial as studying. First, find out who wrote the book and learn a little about them. This helps as we get an idea of their background and the time.

Second, investigate the time it was written as this will give us an understanding of historical events and actions.

Third, ask yourself, "Why was this written?" The Bible contains no "filler space" all of it is for our learning.

Finally ask yourself "How does this apply to me?" While some of the Bible does not apply (bring my cloak before winter, etc..) most of it does and through a careful study it can be easily realized what does and does not apply.

Study diligently and learn much.