

PS 121 How to Study the Bible

Fall 2021-22

Thursdays

9-11:30 or 7:00-9:30

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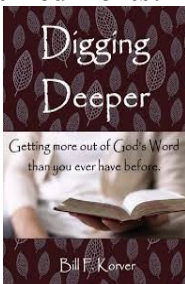
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Course Description:

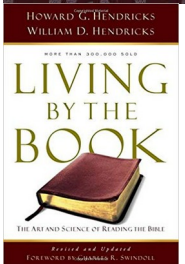
This course explores and practices the basic principles of general hermeneutics (principles of interpretation). Each student will learn and perform the guiding principles that lead to correctly understanding the Bible.

Required Texts:



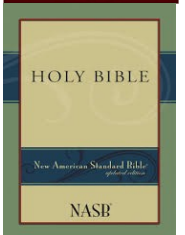
Korver, Bill. *Digging Deeper: Getting More out of God's Word than You ever have Before*. 3rd ed. La Vergne, TN: Metakoi Publishing and Lightning Source, 2021.

ISBN: 978-0-9905783-0-7



Hendricks, Howard G. and William D. Hendricks. *Living by the Book: The Art and Science of Reading the Bible*. Chicago: Moody, 2007.

ISBN: 978-0-8024-0823-5



The Lockman Foundation. *New American Standard Bible*. Updated ed. Anaheim: The Lockman Foundation, 1997.

ISBN: 978-1-885217-72-1

The New American Standard Bible should be used for all assignments.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLO):

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Practice the process of the inductive method approach
2. Identify common mistakes to reading the Bible
3. Demonstrate the word study process
4. Construct the applications from Scripture as specific, measurable, appropriate, relational, and transferring life's habits (S.M.A.R.T.)
5. Demonstrate an inductive paragraph study from Scripture

Course Requirements (3 credit hours):

Students are expected to fulfill satisfactorily all of the following listed requirements. Since this is a 3-credit hour semester course, the professor expects the student to complete a minimum of 112.5 hours of total work in class and/or outside of class. This course satisfies the CCBS credit hour policy (§3.6.1 *Catalog*).

- **Quiz [SLO 1, 2]** **Week 3**
 You can expect 1 quiz over the reading and course content from Weeks 1-2. The quiz will be completed in class on paper. It will include short answer definitions and descriptions. The quiz will have a 30-minute time limit and is not open-book.
- **Weekly Inductive Method Exercises [SLO 1, 2, 3, 4]**
Weeks 2-15
 You will complete 15 exercises using the inductive Bible study method. These will be explained and assigned weekly in class to be completed the following week. Each student must submit the original and make one copy for review in class.
 - IBS Description
 - Learn to Read Better
 - Literary & Theological Context
 - Historical Context
 - Book Context
 - Sentence & Paragraph Structure
 - Functional Words
 - Philippians Word Study 1
 - Philippians Word Study 2
 - Old Testament Word Study
 - Figures of Speech
 - Cross Reference
 - Five Key Areas of Observation
 - Subject-Complement Statement
 - SMART Applications

These assignments are designed to take you 30-45 minutes each week in addition to the required reading time.

Final Project [SLO 5]**Week 16**

The Final Project will give you opportunity to demonstrate an inductive paragraph study from a paragraph in Philippians. Detailed instructions will be provided in class.

Course Evaluation:

The course will be graded as follows:

Quiz	5%
Class Participation	5%
Inductive Method Exercises	60%
Final Project	30%

Institutional Academic Policies

- [Grading Scale](#)
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- [Plagiarism Policy](#)
- [Zoom Protocols](#)
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- [Accommodations Policy](#)

Institutional Academic Services

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- [Writing Center](#)

Disclaimer:

The detailed outline of the course and assignments scheduled in this syllabus are subject to be changed due to the professor's discretion.

Course Schedule:

	<i>Readings</i>	<i>Class Topics</i>	<i>Assignments</i>
<i>Week 1:</i>	<i>DD</i> , Intro, Ch. 1 <i>Living by the Book</i> , Ch. 1-3	Intro to IBS	IBS Description
<i>Week 2:</i>	<i>DD</i> , Ch. 2 <i>Living by the Book</i> , Ch. 7, 30-31, 33-34	The Principle of Plain Meaning	Learning to Read Better
<i>Week 3:</i>	<i>DD</i> , Ch. 3 <i>Living by the Book</i> , Ch. 4-6	Context: Literary, Theological	Quiz, Context
<i>Week 4:</i>	<i>DD</i> , Ch. 4 <i>Living by the Book</i> , Ch. 8, 11-12	Context: Historical	Context
<i>Week 5:</i>	<i>DD</i> , Ch. 5 <i>Living by the Book</i> , Ch. 15, 35	Context: Book	Context
<i>Week 6:</i>	<i>DD</i> , Ch. 6 <i>Living by the Book</i> , Ch. 30-38	Grammar: Part 1	Sentence & Paragraph Structure
<i>Week 7:</i>	<i>DD</i> , Ch. 7 <i>Living by the Book</i> , Ch. 9-10, 13-14	Grammar: Part 2	Functional Words
<i>Week 8:</i>	<i>DD</i> , Ch. 8 <i>Living by the Book</i> , Ch. 16-20	Word Meaning: Part 1	Philippians Word Study
Fall Break			
<i>Week 9:</i>	<i>DD</i> , Ch. 9 <i>Living by the Book</i> , Ch. 24-26	Word Meaning: Part 2	Philippians, OT Word Studies
<i>Week 10:</i>	<i>DD</i> , Ch. 10 <i>Living by the Book</i> , Ch. 29-30, 32	Understanding Figurative Language	Figures of Speech
<i>Week 11:</i>	<i>DD</i> , Ch. 11 <i>Living by the Book</i> , Ch. 21-23	Related Scripture	Cross Reference
<i>Week 12:</i>	<i>DD</i> , Ch. 12 <i>Living by the Book</i> , Ch. 27-28	Observing the Text	Five Keys to Observation
<i>Week 13:</i>	<i>DD</i> , Ch. 13 <i>Living by the Book</i> , Ch. 36-38, 41-42	Interpreting the Text	Subject-Complement
Thanksgiving Break			
<i>Week 14:</i>	<i>DD</i> , Ch. 14 <i>Living by the Book</i> , Ch. 39-40, 43-45	Applying the Text	SMART Applications
<i>Week 15:</i>	<i>DD</i> , Ch. 15	Review	Final Project
<i>Week 16:</i>	<i>Final Project</i>		

A BASIC LIBRARY FOR BIBLE STUDENTS

The following list of books is to be considered an aid rather than a substitute for Bible study. The tools herein reveal the subjective choices of the professor and the list is only a starting point. An asterisk (*) is placed in front of those recommended to purchase first.

1. Bibles
 - New American Standard
 - New International Study Bible
 - New King James

2. Concordance
 - *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance

3. Word Studies
 - Harris, Archer, & Waltke, Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament
 - *Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words
 - Wilson, Old Testament Word Studies

4. Hermeneutics and Bible Study Methods
 - * Fee and Stuart, How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth
 - Hendricks and Hendricks, Living by the Book
 - *Sire, How to Read Slowly
 - Warren, Twelve Dynamic Bible Study Methods
 - Virkler, Hermeneutics

5. Bible Dictionaries and Encyclopedias
 - Bromiley, ed., International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, 4 volumes
 - *Unger, New Bible Dictionary
 - Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia, 5 volumes
 - * The New Moody Atlas of the Bible

6. Commentaries
 - *Walvoord and Zuck, eds., Bible Knowledge Commentary, 2 volumes
 - Swindoll's Living Insights Commentaries
 - Wiersbe, Be Series
 - Gaebelein, Expositors Bible Commentary, 12 volumes

7. Bible Introduction
 - Wilkerson, Talk Through the Bible
 - *Wilmington, Bible Handbook

8. Cultural / Historical Studies
 - Edersheim, The Life and Times of Jesus the Messiah
 - *Gower, The New Manners & Customs of Bible Times

9. Gospels and Christ
 - Bruce, The Training of the Twelve
 - *Pentecost, The Words and Works of Jesus Christ
 - Pentecost, A Harmony of the Words and Works of Jesus Christ

10. Theology and Apologetics
 - *Pentecost, Thy Kingdom Come
 - *Enns, Moody Handbook of Theology
 - Erickson, Christian Theology
 - Geisler, Decide for Yourself
 - Geisler and Nix, A General Introduction to the Bible
 - Ryrie, Basic Theology

11. Computer Software
 - *Logos Bible Software
 - blueletterbible.com

A Suggested Order of Priority in Purchasing Bible Study Tools

1. New King James or NAS Bible
2. Strong's Concordance
3. Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words
4. Unger's Bible Dictionary
5. The New Moody Atlas of the Bible
6. Bible Knowledge Commentary, 2 volumes
7. The Words and Works of Jesus Christ
8. Thy Kingdom Come
9. Ryrie, Basic Theology
10. NIV Study Bible