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A STUDY OF HOW TO READ THE BIBLE



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What special considerations should we make when studying the Bible alone?

What benefits are there to studying the Bible alone?

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What happens when we neglect our private time with God?

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Mark 1:35-39 tells us:

1. Jesus got up early, before the sun was up.
2. He physically secluded Himself.
3. Jesus used His solitude to talk to God.
4. Jesus acted on His Father's Will.

When you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and **your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.**

Matthew 6:6

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For discussion:

Private Bible study is important, but can it foster misunderstanding of the Truth? If so, how?

When alone, it is easier to:

1. Look for information rather than personal application (James 1:22-24, Hebrews 4:12)
2. Failing to grasp the context
3. Stick to the same translation
4. Read in a distracting environment
5. Think that the only way to study God's Word is reading.

For discussion:

What special considerations should we make when studying the Bible with others?

What benefits are there to studying the Bible with other Christians?

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