



## How to Study the Bible?

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## Truth for Life

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(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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- This Honorable Man is \_\_\_\_\_ ... Phil. 2:21-22
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#### 3. Correlation ... What Do Other Verses Say About it?

Ref. Timothy: 1 & 2 Timothy

Ref. Epaphroditus: Philippians 4:14-18

#### 4. Application ... \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- When you think of a characteristic in life that you most desire to exemplify, what is it? Why did you choose this characteristic? Do you know anyone who demonstrates this characteristic well? What steps have you taken to develop this characteristic in your life?
- Observation ... What does it say?** Read 2 Timothy 3:12-17 together. Take some time to reread the a few times and note what stands out to you.
  - As you're reading, ask yourself, "What does it say?"
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- Application ... What do I do?** Here we are going to figure out how to apply this scripture in our lives, using the acrostic: S.P.A.C.E.P.E.T.S. Which question is God leading you to focus on this week?
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