



PROAPT

AN INTRODUCTION TO PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY

When we study the Bible, it is important to understand what the text is saying (what God and the author meant the Scripture to mean for its original audience) before we apply it to our lives. PROAPT is a simple Bible study technique that teaches you to ask the right questions of the text before applying its truths to your faith and life.



PRAY

Center your heart and mind on the Presence of God with you. Thank Him for the gift of His Scriptures, and ask Him to speak to you. Surrender your heart to Him, and commit yourself to being obedient to His Word as you study and apply it.



READ

Slowly read the text 2 or 3 times. Read it out loud if possible.



OBSERVE

Copy down the verse(s) you want to focus on during your time of study. Ask good questions of the text:

- Where does this passage fit within the context of the book or letter of the Bible in which it's found?
- What does it teach us about God, human beings, or the world we live in?
- Note any comparisons and contrasts, warnings, advice, promises, or if/then statements.
- Note any words or concepts that are repeated.
- Paraphrase or outline the passage.



APPLY

What does this verse(s) mean for me now? Are there truths I need to believe? Are there attitudes or behaviors I need to change? Are there relationships that need correcting or reconciliation? Are there things I need to repent of? What actions can I take today to begin apply this passage to my life?



PRAY

Respond to God in prayer. Thank Him for his Word and His character. Confess your sin and where you need to change. Write a prayer of commitment in your journal.



TELL

Who is one person with whom you can share what you learned? Who might be encouraged or challenged by what you read?