

# Terry Fullam Audio Library

## Scriptural References and Comment Notes

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### # 950726-10 INTRODUCTION TO PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY

This teaching is designed to encourage Christians to learn how to feed themselves (the nourishment from the Bible), as opposed to always relying on others to feed them (maybe the 20 minute sermon on Sunday etc.). The scripture implores us to *Study* the bible – not just read it.

The reason to study the Bible is not for scholarship sake alone but more importantly to develop a relationship with God. A relationship deep enough to allow us to hear him guiding us (the word and the Holy Spirit).

6:00 Terry begins to teach on a method of Bible study. He had presented a more comprehensive teaching in the 1980's to 165 Priests. This is a synopsis of that 2 day seminar.

8:20 2 Timothy 2:15 "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth". Read Romans 12:1-2.

12:50 The method revolves around three questions. **1.** What does the passage Say ?; **2.** What does the passage Mean ?; **3.** How does the passage Apply To My Life ? **1.** The level of Fact; **2.** The level of interpretation; **3.** The level of Application.

16:30 Begin question 1 with prayer. Teaching on how to Read the passage and how to Question the passage. Who, What, Where, When, Why and How.

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25:40 Terry mentions the need for 6 books for good bible study. (the timeframe has changed and many of the resources mentioned are now available in digital form; computer, IOS applications, etc.). He uses a passage from Revelation 2:1-7 as a reference point to make the illustrations of using the books.

1. Bible Dictionary, 2. Bible Handbook, 3. The Treasury of Scripture Knowledge.

42:00 The second question – What does the passage mean ? Interpretation – Hermeneutics - Exegesis (to draw out) – Good, as opposed to Eisegesis (To draw in) Not so Good - which is a person's subjective view superimposed on the word.

44:05 There is an audio break. After the term Eisegesis, Terry went on to expand on Exegesis, but a few sentences are missing so the context and transition may seem confusing, but he is speaking of drawing out the meaning of the passage.

44:40 Points to consider: 1. What did the author intend for his audience to understand from the passage. 2. Progressive revelation, from God, over time, and through different authors. 3. Explain the obscure passages in light of the plain ones that speak to the same matter. Do not superimpose the obscure and difficult passages upon the plain passages. 4. Correlation (rests on presupposition that the Holy Spirit inspired the 40 authors). Correlation means that you should let the scripture interpret scripture. Correlate what one passage says on a topic as compared to the same topic elsewhere in the bible. Have a Bible with center column of references to help you find similar material.

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45:15 The reference to Islam is not in any way intending to endorse the validity of the Quran, as the Muslims contend it was dictated from Allah to Mohammed. Just making the point of the Bible having many human authors as inspired by God.

47:00 Imprecatory Psalms – teaching.

58:15 Question 3 – How does the passage apply to my life? (Application). The same Holy Spirit who inspired the scriptures lives in you (if you are born again – regenerated), and He can speak to you about the passage (the Teacher within).

1:03:40 Questions to ask yourself. 1. Is there SOMETHING in the passage for which to give thanks? 2. Is there a PROMISE to receive? (does the promise contain a condition to be fulfilled?). 3. Is there an ATTITUDE to cultivate or avoid? 4. Is there a COMMAND to obey, that applies to you? (1:09:50 a reference to Jeremiah 16, should be chapter 18). 5. Is there an EXAMPLE to follow or avoid? 6. Is there a SIN to confess? 7. Is there a TRUTH to believe? 8. Is there an ERROR to reject? 9. Learn to PRAY.

Think and reflect deeply on the questions 1-9 above and open yourself to the quickening of the Holy Spirit – your Teacher.

Use the Acrostic: SPACE STEP.

2Tim. 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Rom. 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Rev. 2:1 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands: 2 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. 3 You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

Rev. 2:4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. 5 Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. 6 But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

Rev. 2:7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

Jer. 18:1 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 2 "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message."