

INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY TIPS

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful
for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.*

~ 2 Timothy 3.16

Inductive study involves three skills: observation, interpretation, and application.

OBSERVATION answers the question: What does the passage say? Observation teaches you to see precisely what the passage says. It is the basis for accurate interpretation and correct application.

- Ask who? What? When? Where? Why? How?
- Underline, circle, or draw symbols for repeated words and phrases.
- Look for lists.
- Do you see contrasts and comparisons?
- Are there commands?
- Are there promises?
- Are there warnings?
- Note cause-and-effect statements. (therefore, if-then, wherefore, for this reason, finally)
- Note expressions of time. (until, then, when, after)

INTERPRETATION answers the question: What does the passage mean?

- What is the context?
- What is the theme?
- Remember Scripture will never contradict Scripture.

APPLICATION answers the question:

- What does it mean to me personally?
- What truths can I put into practice?
- What changes should I make in my life?