

BOOK OVERVIEW: Summarizing the Overview

Once you have done the work of observing the obvious for the whole book, it is helpful to pull it all together and try to summarize it.

1. Fill out an "Overview At a Glance Chart"
2. Read some background material.

Where do you find background material?

Study Bibles: check out the introductory article of The MacArthur Study Bible.

Bible Dictionaries: Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary

Survey and Introduction Books:

Survey of the New Testament, Paul N. Benware

New Testament Survey, Robert G. Gromacki

New Testament Introduction, Donald Guthrie

Commentaries:

Commentary on the Pastoral Epistles, George W. Knight.

Take notes on what you learn from such resources to better inform yourself on the issues involved. Once you have done good observation of the whole book, you can exercise good judgment regarding what you read.

Let's review where we have been and how we got to where we are now.

Put the following elements of observation in order:
List of Key Words, Chapter Themes, List of Instructions,
Author, Others, Major Book Theme, Recipients