

2 Tim 2:15 NIV

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.

How to Own a Passage in the Bible

PRAY! “Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.” Ps 119:18

Part 1 --- Investigate (in context)

Read the text slowly several times.

Make observations by asking questions:

Ask pertinent questions. The following 8 questions will generally be very helpful:

1. *When was this passage written?*
2. *What was going on in the culture at that time?*
3. *Who was in charge?*
4. *Who is writing this passage?*
5. *To whom was it written?*
6. *Where did the author and the recipients reside?*
7. *Why was this passage written?*
8. *How would it have been understood by its recipients?*

Answer the questions above.

Define key terms (use both English and Hebrew/Greek dictionaries).

Part 2 --- Application

Draw conclusions --- make deductions --- look for practical applications to your life

Memorize and meditate upon a key passage of the text you have just studied.

PRAY! “Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.” Ps 119:37

