

# Effective Ways to Study Your Bible in a Crisis

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I was listening to a friend make a presentation earlier during the pandemic and a key phrase that was made stuck with me: "A Crisis Is a Terrible Thing to Waste". I believe that every opportunity that we receive should be used to benefit us and this ought to be done by using the tools that God has given to us.

2 Timothy 2:15 reminds us to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth".

**As we are in a crisis, I would like to share with you eight principles to use when studying the Word of God:**

- Read through the passage in its entirety
- Look for the main theme in each chapter
- Re-read the chapter making a simple outline of each chapter
- Take note of any practical or theological problems in the text
- Study by paragraphs
- Study by themes
- Use biblical tools to help understand the scripture
- Bathe your study in prayer

*In the "Introduction" to The Great Controversy, Ellen G. White wrote:*

*"The Bible, with its God-given truths expressed in the language of men, presents a union of the divine and the human. Such a union existed in the nature of Christ, who was the Son of God and the Son of man. Thus, it is true of the Bible, as it was of Christ, that "the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." John 1:14. (p. vi) As it is impossible for those who do not accept Christ's divinity to understand the purpose of His incarnation, it is also impossible for those who see the Bible merely as a human book to understand its message, however careful and rigorous their methods. Even Christian scholars who accept the divine-human nature of Scripture, but whose methodological approaches cause them to dwell largely on its human aspects, risk emptying the biblical message of its power by relegating it to the background while concentrating on the medium. They forget that medium and message are inseparable and that the medium without the message is an empty shell that cannot address the vital spiritual needs of humankind. A committed Christian will use only those methods that can do full justice to the dual, inseparable nature of Scripture, enhance his ability to understand and apply its message, and strengthen faith."*

Finally, here are a few ways to study the Bible in a crisis:

- Create and Play Bible Games
- Do Word Search
- Create Bible Songs
- Memorize Scripture
- Listen to the Bible Online
- Bath Your Study in Prayer - (Prayer gives the Word free run in your life)

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