

“Cheat Sheet” on How to Effectively Do a Biographical Bible Study

The Bible is comprised of numerous stories of men and women and their relationships with the loving God who created them. We can gain vast knowledge and wisdom by observing and avoiding the tremendous failures and negative aspects in the lives of people mentioned in God's Word.

Definition

With this method you select a biblical person and research the Scriptures to study his or her life and character. You try to become thoroughly acquainted with that person's inner life and find out what made it a spiritual success or failure. Ask God to help you think and feel with him or her so that your study becomes a life-changing experience.

Why This Method is Important

1. Select the person
2. Make a list of all the references about that person
3. Write down first impressions (first reading)
4. Make a chronological outline (second reading)
5. Get some insights into the person (third reading)
6. Identify some character qualities (fourth reading)
7. Show how other Bible truths are illustrated in the person's life
8. Summarize the main lesson(s)
9. Write out a personal application
10. Make your study transferable

Tools you Will Need

- *Study Bible*
- *Exhaustive concordance*
- *Topical Bible*
- *Bible dictionary or encyclopedia*