

Bible Rules for Effective Bible Studies

All Scriptures from The Old and New King James Versions

Anger can not be part of an effective Bible study. An agreement must be established that the parties in the study will be tolerant even if their beliefs are challenged. We must agree that we are in the study for knowledge and a greater understanding of God's word.

Col 3:8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

Jas 1:19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; 20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

We must be tolerant about what the other party says even if we disagree with them. We must listen to each other and try not to interrupt. Of course, we must agree that God's word is the final answer. We must not allow evil speaking of one another.

Jas 1:19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; 20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

We must be organized and do things in a logical order. We must agree on the choice of any particular study.

1Co 14:40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

We must test any belief with all scripture. We must understand the Bible is the only authority we will accept as proof of anything.

1Th 5:21 Test all things; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil.

We will examine our views on doctrine. If any scripture contradicts our belief then we must be willing to change our view. Scripture does not contradict scripture so any belief must be consistent with all scripture.

2Ti 3:14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Let us have a prayerful study that we may accept the perfect will of God. Let us meditate on all things.

Col 4:12 *Epaphras, who is one of you, a bondservant of Christ, greets you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.*

Php 4:6 *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. 9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.*

Rom 12:2 *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

Let us not become so entangled in our own opinions that we can't see what God is trying to teach us in his word. Accept God's word over our own opinion.

Rom 11:25 *For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.*

Rom 12:16 *Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. 17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. 18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.*

Joh 5:39 *You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.*

We must understand that any religious organization can teach false doctrine. We will strive to only accept what the Bible teaches. We must do only what scripture teaches.

Luk 6:46 *"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?"*

2Ti 2:15 *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

We will only use the Christian Bible in these studies. We will study each other's views by using scripture.

2Ti 3:16 *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

Act 17:10 Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. **11** These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

May God bless us in his will in our studies.

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