

SEVEN SIMPLE RULES TO FOLLOW IN BIBLE STUDY

Psa 119:104-105

RULE NUMBER ONE

STUDY WITH PROPER MOTIVES

Proverbs 4:23 (KJV)

23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

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RULE NUMBER TWO

REMEMBER, THE BIBLE REVEALS THE MIND AND WILL OF GOD

2 Corinthians 2:9-13 (KJV)

9 For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things. 10 To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ; 11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices. 12

Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord, 13 I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.

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RULE NUMBER THREE

DO NOT “PROOF TEXT STUDY”

Psalm 119:104-105 (KJV)

104 Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. 105 NUN. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

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RULE NUMBER FOUR

USE THE SCRIPTURES TO EXPLAIN SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:5-7 (KJV)

5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

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RULE NUMBER FIVE

**TRADITIONS OF MEN (church councils, confessions of faith, or creeds)
PROVE NOTHING**

Matthew 15:1-9 (KJV)

1 Then came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, 2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. 3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? 4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. 5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; 6 And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. 7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, 8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. 9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

RULE NUMBER SIX

HUMAN PHILOSOPHY PROVES NOTHING – ONLY SCRIPTURE IS AUTHORITY

Colossians 2:8-10 (KJV)

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

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RULE NUMBER SEVEN

DO NOT ADD TO or DIMINISH

Deuteronomy 4:2 (KJV)

2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

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