

## **II. Why Study the Bible**

- a. Reasons:
  - i. Understanding
  - ii. Favor
  - iii. Protection
  - iv. profitable (valuable)
- b. Scripture References
  - i. Proverbs 3:1-14
  - ii. Proverbs 4:4-9
  - iii. Proverbs 13:15-18
  - iv. 2 Timothy 2:15 ; 3:16
- c. Get folks to memorize scriptures as you go
  - i. Check recall from previous meetings

## **III. Methods of Bible Study**

- a. Analysis
- b. Cultural
  - i. Cultural practices that may or may not be applicable
- c. Contextual Analysis
  - i. Connecting thoughts running through the passage to make a theme
- d. Lexical Syntactical;
  - i. Look up meanings and execution (how used (words))
  - ii. Where genres come in to play-may not be literal
- e. Comparative Analysis
  - i. Jon says one thing about me while Ken says another
  - ii. Different accounts of Jesus
- f. Homological Analysis
  - i. Repeated themes and main points (truths that transcend man and time)
- g. Content Analysis
  - i. What words being used in what order
    - 1. Jesus was hung on the cross...go and do likewise..(how put together)
- h. Theological
  - i. Pattern and trend (how does the scripture reveal god
    - 1. Character and nature as related to who He really is.
- i. Compile and say: OK what does this mean to me?
- j. How does this apply to me?

## **THE BIBLE**

- I. Orientation (What is the Bible?)**
  - a. Maneuvering through the Bible
    - i. Book
    - ii. Chapter
    - iii. Verse
  - b. Old Testament, New Testament
    - i. Where are they?
  - c. Sections (Genres):
    - i. Law,
    - ii. Gospel,
    - iii. Epistles,
    - iv. Poetry,
    - v. Major Prophets,
    - vi. Minor Prophets,
    - vii. Historical,
    - viii. Eschatology (Revelation))
  - d. Authors
    - i. Backgrounds
  - e. Languages (Hebrew as opposed to Greek(NT))
  - f. Bible Resources
    - i. Concordance
    - ii. Cross Reference
    - iii. Words of Jesus in Red
    - iv. Dictionary
    - v. Maps
    - vi. Commentary
    - vii. Outlines on how to study
    - viii. Good Study Bibles:
      1. Study Bibles
        - a. Versions
          - i. NASV
          - ii. KJV
          - iii. NKJV
        - b. Publications
          - i. Open Study Bible
          - ii. Spirit Filled Life
          - iii. And others