

Bible Seminar: Understanding the Bible

Skill No. 1: Learn to See

*“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”
2 Timothy 2:15*

Understanding the Bible is Hard:

- Bible Study Can Seem **Irrelevant** –
“It’s not practical”
- Bible Study Can Seem **Inaccessible** –
“I’m not smart enough”
- Bible Study Can Seem **Unnecessary** –
“It’s not my job”



- Bible Study Can Seem **Unimportant** –
“I don’t have time”

- Bible Study Can Seem **Unreliable** –
“I have my doubts”

- Bible Study Can Seem **Impossible** –
“It’s too foreign”

- A Foreign Time

- A Foreign Culture

- A Foreign Geography

- A Foreign Language

Understanding the Bible is Necessary:

- Bible Study Is Essential for Spiritual **Growth** – *1 Peter 2:2*
- Bible Study Is Essential for Spiritual **Maturity** – *Hebrews 5:11-14*
- Bible Study Is Essential for Spiritual **Effectiveness** – *2 Tim. 3:16-17*

Understanding the Bible is Required: (2 Timothy 2:15):

- Bible Students Must Be **Faithful** – “*workman*”
(*ergates* – “a laborer”)



- Bible Students Must Be **Committed** – “*do your best*” (*spoudazo* – “*be diligent with haste*”)
- Bible Students Must Be **Careful** – “*rightly handling*” (*orthotomeo* – “*cutting a straight path*”)
- Bible Students Must Be **Accountable** – “*one approved*” (*dokizamo* – “*testing to approve*”)

Understanding the Bible is Possible:

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⁸ *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*