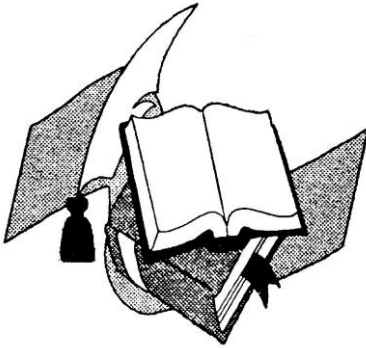


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Step By Step Instructions  
That Anyone Can Follow

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# PRINCIPLES FOR BIBLE STUDY

## STUDY PRINCIPLE 1

**Pray** for the Holy Spirit to **guide you** as you study the Bible and search for truth.

*James 1:5* If any *lack wisdom* let him **ask** of God

*John 16:13* When He the **Spirit** of truth is come He will **guide you** into all truth.


## STUDY PRINCIPLE 2

Let the **Bible** explain itself . One text will prove to be a **key** that will **unlock** other texts, and in this way you will discover the **hidden meaning** of God's Word.

*1 Cor. 2:13* ...not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the **Holy Ghost** teacheth ; **comparing** *spiritual things with spiritual.*


Study the illustration on the **next page** and you will see how this is done.

**DROSS = WICKEDNESS**  
*Psalm 119:119*  
 “Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross...”




**DROSS = ?  
 (IMPURITIES)**

**SILVER = God’s people**  
*Zech.13:9* “...and will refine them like silver is refined, and... I will say, it is **My people**”.



**SILVER = ?**

**VESSEL = PERSON**  
*Jere.18:4-5* “And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter. Behold as the clay is in the potters hand, so are **you** in mine hand, O house of Israel”.



**VESSEL = ?**

**FINER = THE LORD  
 (REFINER)**  
*Zech.13:9* “... I will... refine them as silver is refined... they will say, **The Lord** is my God”.

**COMPARE  
 SCRIPTURE  
 WITH  
 SCRIPTURE**

*PROVERBS 25: 4*

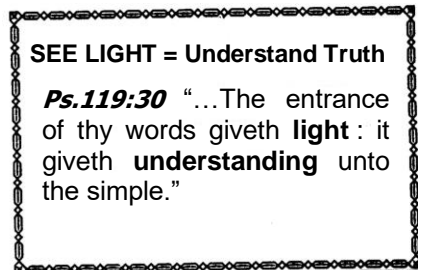
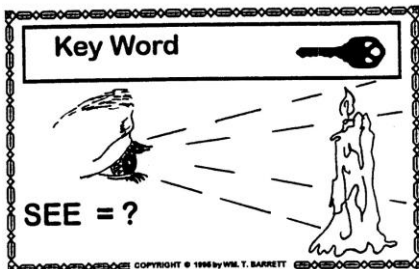
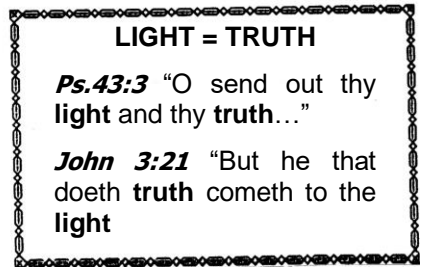
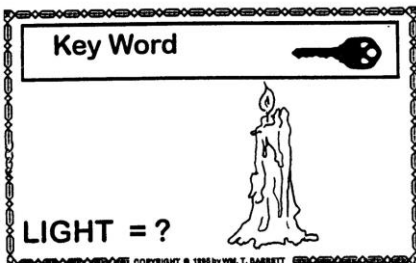
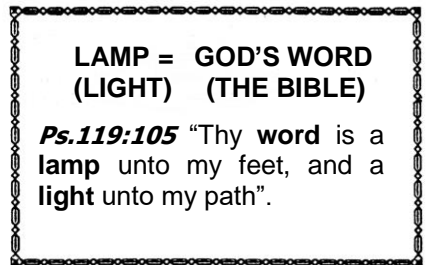
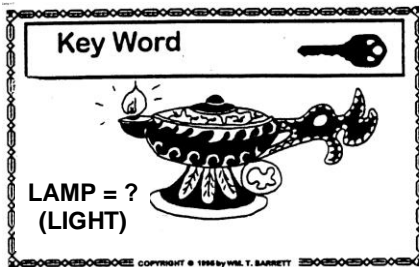
“Take away the **dross** from the **silver**, and there shall come forth a **vessel** for the **finer**.”

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**silver**, and there shall come  
 ( ) ( )  
 forth a **vessel** for the **finer**.”

By identifying a **real object** in a Bible text and then looking it up in the **Bible Word Pictures** you can discover the **Spiritual meaning** of the **real object**.

# BIBLE WORD PICTURES

This is a sample of a separate  
*Reference booklet* containing  
**240 Bible Word Pictures**



**Isaiah 1:22**

Thy **silver** is become **dross**.  
Thy **wine** mixed with **water**.

Locate KEY WORD in the verse  
(usually nouns or "real things")

Discover their Spiritual Meanings  
(by using the Bible Word Pictures)

SILVER

*God's People*

DROSS

*Wicked People*


WINE


*Doctrine*

WATER

*People*

**BIBLE WORD PICTURES**


Key Word 




SILVER = ?

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**Zech.13:9** "...and will refine **them** like **silver** is refined, and... I will say, it is **My people**".


Key Word 



DROSS

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Key Word 



WATER = ?

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**WATER = PEOPLE**  
**Revelation 17:15**  
"...The **waters**, which thou sawest... are **people**"

Paraphrase : Thy *people* (silver) have become *wicked* (dross).  
Thy *doctrine* (wine) mixed with words of *men* (water).

# TEACHING IN PARABLES

“Again, Christ had **truths** to present which *the people* were *unprepared to accept* or even to understand. *For this reason* also He **taught them in parables**. By connecting His teaching with the scenes of life, experience, or nature, He secured their attention and impressed their hearts. Afterward, *as they looked upon the objects* that illustrated His lessons, *they recalled the words of the divine Teacher*. To minds that were open to the Holy Spirit, the significance of the Savior’s teaching unfolded more and more. Mysteries grew clear, and that which had been hard to grasp became evident.

Jesus sought an avenue to every heart. By using a variety of illustrations, He not only *presented truth* in its different phases, but *appealed to the different hearers*. Their interest was aroused by figures drawn from the surroundings of their daily life.

**Parable teaching** was popular, and commanded the respect and attention, not only of the Jews, but of the people of other nations.

**No more effective method of instruction could He have employed.** 10

“In the Saviour’s **parable teaching** is an indication of what constitutes the **true “higher education”**. 11

By **parables** Christ revealed *the mysteries of redemption*. His hearers were familiar with *the things of nature*, and these he used *to represent* the **spiritual truths** he wished to communicate. All had an opportunity to hear his appeals as they were made in sympathy for men. In the synagogue, by the wayside, and in the boat thrust out a little from the land, he spoke to the people, feeding their famished souls with the bread of life. *Christ presented his truth* in **parables**, in the form of a story. The Pharisees would not listen to direct truth ; but parable teaching was popular, and commanded the respect and attention not only of the Jews, but also of the people of other nations.

Christ knew there were *many who would keep these lessons in mind* until their **hidden meaning** should be discerned, but that others would never reach to their *deep meaning*. The disciples would come to the Great Teacher to inquire, and he instructed them. Christ gladly taught all who had interest enough to say, explain to us the meaning of your words.

*These lessons of Christ* were to be *repeated* by his disciples. When Peter, Andrew, James, and John were called by Christ to forsake their nets and follow him, the promise was given them, "I will make you fishers of men". Those *uneducated peasants* of Galilee were to fulfill the divine commission. *Through them* **Christ's lessons** were to be *carried to all peoples, nations, and tongues*. 27

# JESUS AS TEACHER

“For His own wise purposes the Lord **veils** spiritual truth in **figures** and **symbols**...

In parables and comparisons He found the *best method* of communicating divine truth.

In simple language, using figures and illustrations drawn from the natural world, He opened **spiritual truth** to His hearers...” 6

“So it was with Christ’s teaching the unknown was illustrated by the known; **divine truths** by **earthly things** with which the people were familiar”. 7



# THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE PHYSICAL TO THE SPIRITUAL

Each real or physical object has a spiritual “twin”.

- Example :
1. Physical **Lamp**
  2. Spiritual **Lamp**

Physical <b>Food</b>	(Bread)
Spiritual <b>Food</b>	(God’s Word – The Bible)
Physical <b>Covering</b>	(Garment)
Spiritual <b>Covering</b>	(Character of Christ)
Physical <b>Shelter</b>	(House)
Spiritual <b>Shelter</b>	(Church)
Physical <b>Protection</b>	(Wall)
Spiritual <b>Protection</b>	(God’s Law)
Physical <b>Thirst</b>	(Pure Water)
Spiritual <b>Thirst</b>	(Holy Spirit)
Physical <b>Weapon</b>	(Sword)
Spiritual <b>Weapon</b>	(God’s Word – The Bible)
Physical <b>Rest</b>	(Bed)
Spiritual <b>Rest</b>	(Sabbath)

The **Parable** of :

“The Lost Piece of Silver”

***Luke 15***

**8** Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek, diligently till she find *it* ? **9** And when she hath found *it*, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me ; for I have found the piece which I had lost.

Comments :

In this parable a *Physical woman* has lost something of great *Physical value* to her. She spares nothing in order to recover what she has lost. This parable will then be about a *Spiritual Woman* (church) that has lost something of great *Spiritual value* and must spare no effort until she has recovered what she has lost.

Lets take a moment and think about this parable.

Since the *solution* to the problem is to use *Physical light* (candle) to search for the lost item, then the parable will be about using *Spiritual light* to find the missing item.

Since the *solution* to the problem also requires removing *Physical dust* (sweeping), then the parable will be about removing *Spiritual dust* in order to see the missing item.

Since the *missing item* is a piece of *Physical Silver*, then the parable will be about recovering a piece of *Spiritual silver* that has been lost.

Since the piece of Physical silver was lost in the **Physical house**, then the parable will be about a piece of Spiritual silver that has been lost in the **Spiritual house** or Church.

Jesus always reveals **valuable truth** to us in His Parables, but once again it is *hidden* and can only be understood as we discover the Spiritual meanings of the *Real Objects* used in the parable.

REAL OBJECTS

and

KEY WORDS


woman, candle

light a candle, \*darkness


silver, 10 pc of silver

sweep, \*dust

Who does the **woman** represent ?

Key Word 

**WOMAN = ?**  
(Pure, dressed in white)



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**WOMAN= God's church**  
(Pure) (True Church)

**ISA 54:5,6** "Thy Maker is thy husband, the Lord of Hosts is His name. . .the Lord hath called thee, as a woman. . .and a wife . . ."


**REV 19:7,8** ". . . the marriage of the Lamb is come and His wife. . .arrayed in fine linen, clean and white. . ."

THE "**WOMAN**" REPRESENTS THE "**CHURCH**"

What does the "**candle**" represent ?

Key Word 

**CANDLE = ?**



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**CANDLE = GODS' WORD**  
(The Bible)

**Ps. 119:105**  
Thy word is a \*candle unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

\*Candle = Hebrew word  
Lamp = English word

THE "**CANDLE**" represents THE "**BIBLE**" (God's Word)

In order to understand the rest of the Parable you would continue to discover the Spiritual meaning of each of the remaining objects and then you would substitute those meanings back into the parable and paraphrase it.

# DISCOVERING HIDDEN TREASURE

Bible Verse : ***Psalms 104:15***

“ And **wine** that maketh glad the **heart** of man, and **oil** to make his **face** to **shine**, and **bread** which strenghteneth man’s **heart**”.


1. Think about the **PHYSICAL** :  
(on the surface, what is the Main Physical thought ?)
2. Locate KEY WORD in the verse (usually nouns or “real things”)
3. Discover their Spiritual Meanings (by using the Bible Word Pictures)


WINE	<i>Doctrine</i>
HEART	<i>The Mind</i>
OIL	<i>The Holy Spirit</i>
FACE	<i>The Mind</i>
SHINE (reflect or emit light)	<i>Teach Truth</i>
BREAD	<i>The Bible (God’s Word)</i>

4. Rewrite the verse (Substitute the **Spiritual Meaning** of the Key Words back into the Bible verse and **rewrite it** to discover what God wants to do for us Spiritually !)

*True Doctrine* (new wine) makes a man happy in his *mind* (heart) and the *Holy Spirit* (oil) gives his *mind* (face) the ability to *Teach Truth* (shine), and the *Bible* (bread) strengthens a man’s *mind* (heart) as he studies it.


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HEART = ? 

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HEART = THE MIND  
*Proverbs 32:7*  
"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he..."


Key Word 

OIL = ?  
or  
OINTMENT = ? 

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OIL = HOLY SPIRIT  
*1Sam.16:13* "Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brethren : and the spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward..."  
OINTMENT = HOLY SPIRIT  
*Ex.30:25* "And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, and ointment compound after the art of the apothecary : it shall be an holy anointing oil."


Key Word 

FACE = ? 

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FACE = THE MIND OR WILL  
*Jere.5:3* "...They have refused to receive correction ; they have made their faces harder that a rock".  
*Jere.42:15* "...If ye wholly set your face to enter into Egypt..."


Key Word 

SHINE = ? 

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SHINE = TEACH TRUTH  
(reflect or emit light)  
*Psalms 43:3* "O send out thy light and thy truth".  
*Philippians 2:15* " That ye may... shine as lights in the world".

Key Word 

BREAD = ? 

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BREAD = THE BIBLE  
(GOD'S WORD)  
*Matthew 4:4* "Man shall not live by bread alone, but every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God".

## The Bible To Be Understood By All

“The Bible with its precious gems of truth, was not written for the scholar alone. On the contrary, it was **designed** for the **common people**. The poor man needs it as much as the rich man, the unlearned as much as the learned... **If the unlearned are not capable of understanding the Bible**, then the mission of Christ to our world **was useless** ; ...The command to search the Scriptures, Christ addressed **not only** to the scribes and Pharisees but to the great multitude of the **common people** who crowded about Him...

**The Bible** is addressed **to everyone** --to every class of society, to every clime and age.

**Everyone** should **read the Bible** for himself.

Do **not depend** on the **minister** to read it for you. 23

### Ever Unfolding

“God intends that to the earnest seeker the **truth** of His Word shall be ever unfolding. While “the secret things belong unto the Lord our God”, “those things that are revealed belong unto us and our children”. The **idea** that certain portions of the Bible can not be understood has led to neglect of some of its **most important truths**. The fact needs to be emphasized, and often repeated, that the mysteries of the Bible are not such because God has sought to conceal truth, but because our own weakness or ignorance makes us incapable of comprehending or appropriating truth. Of those very portions of scripture so often passed by as **impossible to be understood**, **God desires us to understand** as much as our minds are capable of receiving. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God” that we may be “thoroughly furnished unto all good works” 24.

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