

### Chapter 1 : Bible study (Christian) - Wikipedia

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Thought for the Day The poor person who oppresses his poor neighbors is cruel. Rather than strive honorably to better himself, he exploits his fellow poor. He is like the destruction of a torrential rain, which washes seed away and destroys what has grown. Jesus told a parable about a servant who owed his king a huge sum of money Matthew The king was going to sell the servant and all he owned in order to get back a portion of the money owed to him. The servant begged for time to repay the debt. The king had pity upon him and completely forgave his enormous debt. That same servant came upon a fellow servant who owed him a small amount of money, but was unable to repay it. He cruelly had him thrown in prison. The king heard of this treatment, and angrily reminded the wicked servant that he had been forgiven a much greater debt. He chastised him for his lack of compassion and then handed him over to "the tormentors" until the debt was fully repaid. The fact that he knows how difficult life is, should cause him to recoil from the thought of ever taking anything from his neighbors, but it does not. A person like this is selfish and cruel, like the wicked servant in the parable. Jesus taught us to ask God to "forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors" Matthew 6: Though it may never cross our minds to take from those who are financially poor, we may be cruel to those who are poor in other ways. Some people trespass against others with their poor manners or attitudes. Others trespass against people because of their ignorance and lack of understanding. We ought to have patience with everyone, knowing that we also have shortcomings and need others to be patient with our weaknesses. No matter what others may do, their debt to us is never as tremendous as our debt to God. Like the wicked servant, we have been forgiven a debt so huge we can never repay it. We cannot afford to be unforgiving. An unwillingness to forgive others hurts us more than anyone else, for it grows into a root of bitterness that hinders our walk with God. If we refuse to forgive others, God will allow us to be tormented by the devil. We will dwell in the prison of our own bitterness and pain. Because the virtues of compassion and forgiveness are traits of our heavenly Father, they must also become our character traits if we are His children. Prayer Devotional for the Day Dear heavenly Father, thank you for forgiving me of all of my sins and trespasses. Father, may I always be quick to forgive others for their trespasses against me. Lord, I pray that all of Your children live in harmony with each other, and that we all possess a kind and forgiving disposition. Lord, give us love and understanding for each other in the family of God. Let us lift each other up when any of us fall down and may we have Your virtues of grace and mercy toward each other. I ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Chapter 2 : Back to the Bible

*Third, devotional Bible study should equip you to face the challenges of your daily life, no matter what they may be. Look to God's Word to nourish you and prepare you to serve Christ throughout your day.*

In other traditions personal Bible study is referred to as "devotions". Catholic devotions and Anglican devotions both employ the *Lectio Divina* method of Bible reading. Christians of all denominations may use study Bibles and Bible reading notes to assist them in their personal Bible studies. However, the use of such aids is discouraged in many churches, [which? In some cases, the practice of reading through the entire Bible in a year is followed, this usually requires readings each day from both the Old and New Testament. This practice, however, has been widely criticized [by whom? The association of Bible study and prayer is an important one. Christians do not merely study the Bible as an academic discipline, but with the desire to know God better. Therefore, they frequently pray that God will give them understanding of the passage being studied. They also consider it necessary to consider what they read with an attitude of respect, rather than the critical attitude which is frequently followed in formal study. To them, the Bible is not just a sacred book, but is the very Word of God, that is, a message from God which has direct relevance to their daily lives. Inductive Bible study [edit ] Inductive Bible study is a means of studying and exegeting a biblical passage. Richard Krejcir describes it terms of "interviewing a passage" without preconceptions or agendas. However, the purpose is not so much for personal application as gaining information. Exegetical study is used most often by pastors, theologians, writers, professors, and church leaders in order to prepare for sharing lessons with others. It is often categorized as advanced Bible study and is meant to extract the ideas found in the text for the primary purpose of teaching. The Bible is often studied in informal small groups, and groups within parachurch organizations. During these study times, groups will set their main topic to be biblical studies. Though there may exist some form of worship and prayer, the purpose of Bible study is to collectively grasp an understanding of God through His Word. These groups become small communities often sharing this personal journey to discovering the meaning of the passage. Some Churches encourage the formation of small groups while others form casually or due to shared interest or common circumstances such as a singles small group or a newly wed couple group. These groups range from young children, normally middle school and up led by an adult, to elderly people. These groups can even interact with other small groups. In recent years many successful church growth attribute the effectiveness of cell groups , groups can be formed based on age group e. Catholic Bible study [edit ] See also: In it, he reviewed the history of Bible study from the time of the Church Fathers to the present, spoke against the errors of the Rationalists and " higher critics ", and outlined principles of scripture study and guidelines for how scripture was to be taught in seminaries. He also addressed the issues of apparent contradictions between the Bible and physical science, or between one part of scripture and another, and how such apparent contradictions can be resolved. *Divino afflante Spiritu* , "Inspired by the Holy Spirit " , is a papal encyclical letter issued by Pope Pius XII on 30 September calling for new translations of the Bible from the original languages, instead of the Latin Vulgate of Jerome , which was revised multiple times and had formed the textual basis for all Catholic vernacular translations until then. It inaugurated the modern period of Roman Catholic biblical studies by encouraging the study of textual criticism or lower criticism , pertaining to text of the Scriptures themselves and transmission thereof for example, to determine correct readings and permitted the use of the historical-critical method or higher criticism , to be informed by theology , Sacred Tradition , and ecclesiastical history on the historical circumstances of the text. The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes principles of Bible Study in paragraphs and other sections. For Catholics, the Word of God is not a "dead letter" but is incarnate and living. Christ must through the Holy Spirit open minds to understand the Scriptures [3]. Jerome , the patron saint of Biblical studies.

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