

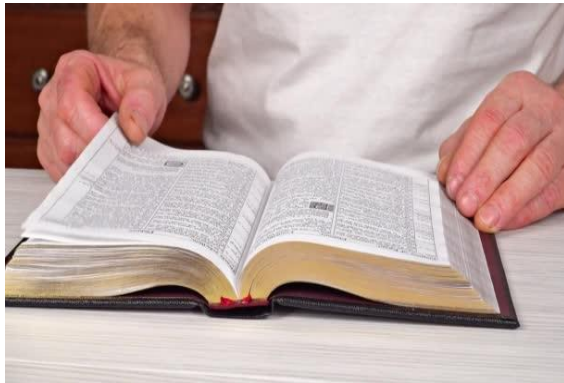
# TRANSFORMED



## Part 4: By Understanding God's Word

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### A. SEVEN WAYS THE BIBLE TRANSFORMS US



1. It reveals the Creator and Sustainer of the universe.
2. It discloses why God created man.
3. It shows why we need a Redeemer.
4. It gives us insights for having a loving relationship with God.
5. It explains how we can live the best life possible.
6. It helps us to understand where God is taking us.
7. It gives us peace and hope while living in a fallen world.

### B. HOW TO KEEP YOUR BIBLE STUDIES FRESH

1. Make it the \_\_\_\_\_ of your day.
2. Develop a Bible study \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Keep a Bible study \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Vary your Bible study \_\_\_\_\_.



### C. THE O-I-A METHOD

1. Observation: What does it say? (Examine the context of the entire book first).
2. Interpretation: What does it mean?
3. Application: How does it affect my life?

### D. STUDY A FAMOUS BIBLE CHARACTER

1. Pick a character in the Bible (e.g. James, John, Zechariah, Debra, Matthew, Peter, etc.).
2. List and read all references to the character in the Bible.

3. Identify some character qualities you admire most.
4. Transfer this study to yourself, looking for applications.

### **E. STUDY A WORD THAT INTERESTS YOU**

1. Survey words in your Bible concordance.
2. Select a word that interests you (money, serve, heaven, forgive, doubt, joy, peace, etc.).
3. Read all references to that word in the Bible.
4. Summarize how the word is applied in the Bible, and how it applies to you.

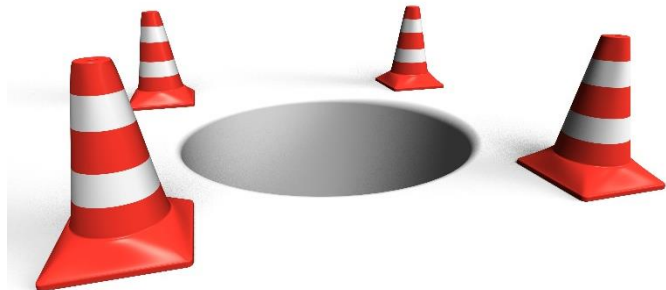
### **F. STUDY A BIBLE BOOK THAT APPEALS TO YOU**

1. Read the entire Bible book, preferably in one sitting.
2. Discover the purpose of the book.
3. Discover the setting of the book.
4. Develop an outline of the book.

### **G. DEVOTIONAL BOOK STUDIES**

1. Select a sound devotional book (e.g., My Utmost for His Highest, Jesus Calling, Streams in the Desert, The Imitation of Christ, Our Daily Bread, etc.).
2. Read a selected daily devotional.
3. Read the highlighted Bible verses carefully, including the context around them.
4. Jot down some personal notes in a journal, including possible applications.

### **H. FIVE BIBLE STUDY PITFALLS TO AVOID**



1. The "mirror effect" (James 1:23-24).
2. Eisegeting vs. exegeting scriptures.
3. Giving Bible study a low priority.
4. Using a Bible translation that is difficult to understand.
5. Not expecting the Holy Spirit to speak to you through the Scriptures.

For more see, "How to Get More Out of Your Bible" at: [www.TaylorNotes.Info](http://www.TaylorNotes.Info)