



# DIVING DEEPER INTO THE BIBLE

Mike Taylor

[www.TaylorNotes.Info](http://www.TaylorNotes.Info)



## Part 1: Do I Have the Right Bible?

There have been, and continue to be, numerous translations of the Bible. Languages are always changing. Words change meaning and new words are added to the language. If the Bible is going to communicate to the modern reader, then these changes must be reflected in the latest translations.

The good news is that while translations of the Bible are constantly changing, the message remains the same. The fact that new translations are coming out all the time should not bother the Bible believer. The question is do I have the right Bible?

### SELF-ASSESSMENT

1: How often do you read the Bible?  
(check one)

- Never
- Once a month
- Once a week
- Two to three times a week
- Every day

2: When you read it, how much time do you spend reading?

- 5 Minutes or less
- 15 Minutes
- 30 Minutes
- 45 Minutes
- 1 hour or more

3: Which of the following obstacles do you face most often when reading the Bible?

- It doesn't seem relevant to me
- It is confusing and hard to understand
- I don't have time. I'm just too busy
- It's boring. I don't find it interesting
- I just don't read anything...it's not just the Bible
- It's difficult to remember what I've read
- I don't know how to study the Bible

## WHY READ THE BIBLE DEEPLY?

- It helps you to overcome doubts, fear, and anxiety by strengthening your faith.
- It helps you to defeat the presence of sin in your life.
- It helps you when you struggle with difficult decisions.
- It helps you to stand strong against the schemes of the devil.
- It helps you to detect error from truth in a world filled with error.
- It helps you to encourage someone when they are hurting or discouraged.
- It helps you to grow in your knowledge of Jesus Christ so that the cravings of your soul may be satisfied.

## THREE TYPES OF BIBLE TRANSLATIONS

### F\_\_\_\_\_ Translations (Word-for-word)

This type of translation takes a word-for-word approach—that is, for each Hebrew or Greek word in the biblical text, the translators have sought an equivalent English word that will communicate the same idea.

### F\_\_\_\_\_ Translations (Thought-for-thought)

This type of translation attempts to convey the thought expressed in the source text using equivalent expressions from a contemporary language like English ('thought for thought' translating). Also called a "dynamic equivalence" translation or a "balanced" translation.

### F\_\_\_\_\_ Translations (Paraphrase)

This type of translation, or paraphrase, is a retelling of something in your own words. A paraphrase takes the meaning of a verse or passage of Scripture and attempts to freely express the meaning in "plain language" – essentially the words the author of the paraphrase would use to say the same thing.

## BIBLE READING AND TIME MANAGEMENT

- Read the Bible when your \_\_\_\_\_ is highest.
- Save \_\_\_\_\_ tasks for later in the day.
- Take \_\_\_\_\_ during the day, especially when reading the Bible or praying
- Use email auto-responses stating \_\_\_\_\_.
- Minimize \_\_\_\_\_ when reading the Bible.
- Eliminate TV programs that \_\_\_\_\_.