

TOOLS:

1. Good Bible Translation (Formal such as **NASB1995, LSB, ESV** are better than Dynamic)
2. Dictionaries/Concordances/Lexicons (**Strong's Exhaustive Concordance**)
3. Interlinear Bible
4. Harmonies (**MacArthur Study Bible** contains Harmonies)
5. Maps/Atlases (**MacArthur Study Bible** contains Maps and Charts)
6. Commentaries
 1. Ellicott's Commentary
 2. Meyer's New Testament Commentary
 3. Alexander Maclaren's Expositions
 4. Benson's
 5. Vincent's Word Studies
 6. Bengel's Gnomon
 7. Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges
 8. Expositor's Greek Testament
 9. The Pulpit Commentary (my personal Favorite)
 10. John Gill's Exposition (Spurgeon's predecessor)
 11. Matthew Henry (Wonderful Puritan)
 12. Adam Clarke
7. Software/Apps/Websites
 1. Logos Computer Software (Expensive, but very good, lots of features)
 2. eSword (FREE!!! contains all of the above, Several Bible Translations, Dictionaries, Commentaries, Devotionals such as Spurgeon's Morning & Evening and much more)
 3. MySword (FREE!!! the Smartphone version of eSword... A bit more limited, but very handy!!!)
 4. Biblehub.com (FREE!!! has anything eSword doesn't, such as interlinear, NASB Lexicon, Original Hebrew and Greek manuscripts, Sermons, topics, etc.)
 5. Biblegateway.com (FREE!!! A ton of Bible translations in many languages)
 6. VCCMcAllen.org (FREE!!!) Has a ton of resources, such as links to:
 1. Biblehub.com
 2. Steve Lawson sermons
 3. MacArthur sermons
 4. Ligonier (which is RC Sproul's ministry)
 5. Alistair Begg sermons
 6. Answers in Genesis
 7. Gospel Presentations

RULES/PRINCIPLES:

1. The Bible is read Naturally (be it Poetry, Narrative, Prophecy, Hyperbole, Parable, Didactic, etc.)
2. The Bible is read in Context
 1. Immediate
 2. Remote
 3. Historical
 4. Overall Biblical
3. Scripture does not contradict Scripture
4. Scripture is its own best interpreter
5. Scripture is non-negotiable
6. Description vs Prescription
7. Repetition
8. Repetition and Space dedicated

PRACTICE:

1. Prayer
2. Reading
3. Background
4. Context (Big Picture)
5. Details
6. Conclusions
7. Confirmation