

**“Understanding the Bible”  
Lesson 1**

I. Make sure your heart is right with God.

A. Are you saved? John 3:3

B. Are you walking in the Spirit? I Cor. 2:14-16

II. Develop a desire for God’s Word. I Peter 1:22-2:3

III. Commit to a lifestyle of reading God’s Word. Josh 1:8, Psalm 1:1

IV. Pray for understanding. Psalm 119:18, I John 5:14-15, Proverbs 2:1-6

V. Rely on the Holy Spirit. John 14:26, 16:13

VI. Be willing to submit to God’s Word. James 1:21-25

VII. Be willing to think. II Tim. 2:1-7

A....about the meaning of words.

B....about the historical background.

“the historical grammatical method”

C....about the context.

D....about other Scriptures.

E....about figures of speech.

F....about reading the New Testament with the Old Testament in mind.

G....about various types of biblical literature.

-history

-prophecy

-poetry

-epistles

-proverbs

-Gospels

-parables

H....inductively.