

# Study Tip # 1

## Here is your assignment

Every study must have a practical application or it may be just a waste of time. If we are abiding in Christ we will bear fruit, that will remain or endure, (Jn 15:1-8). We are going to offer a study tip for personal or group study, that concludes with a suggestion on how to put it into practice.

The following is a study template to be used either by the individual, or in a group setting for discussion. You read a verse, and then examine and analyze the facts, find the implications, and determine how to apply it to your understanding, and put it into action.

Proceed in the following order:

### 1. Observation:

Just the facts. What exactly does this verse say, nothing adding to it. Is this quoting a reference, or prophecy from another part of the Bible, if so, where? Are there any relevant historical or other facts?

### 2. Implication:

What is this verse implying? What does this verse teach? What is the context? What is the context of the previous and following verses? If this is a parable or type, what is the interpretation?

### 3. Application:

How does this apply to my life? How does this relate to teaching or life? What do I learn about God from this? What can I do to put this into practice?

Those were sample questions, but you can add your own. This is a very simple, but engaging way to dissect and analyze the scriptures.

Remember context, context, context, because the fastest way to get off course is to take the scriptures out of their context, and change their intended meaning.

Also, never base a teaching on one verse by itself. One verse must be confirmed by at least two or three others to stay in balance. Man shall not live by bread alone, but by *every word* that proceeds from the mouth of God.