

Grasping God's Word

Lesson 5: Interpretation, Part 2

Interpretation is answering the question, "What does it mean?"

"... having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe ..."

- Ephesians 1:18-19

I. How to know what to look up?

II. How do I find answers to my questions?:

1. Content

2. Context

3. Culture

4. Consultation

III. Resources

- A. Choices: Free vs. Paid ... Digital vs. Physical
- Free = internet
 - Paid = Books
 - Digital Book systems (Logos, Olive Tree)
 - Physical Books (amazon, christianbook.com, Mardel, etc.)
- B. Free Resources on the internet
- See pastormarkrobinson.com/biblestudyresources
 - ESV Bible App
 - The You Version Bible App
 - Constable's Study Notes
 - John Piper's Sermons
 - Richard Strauss's Sermons
 - Wildwood Sermons
 - Blue Letter Bible
- C. Building a library
- See pastormarkrobinson.com/biblestudyresources

The first 3 I would buy:

1. Either "The Bible Knowledge Commentary" or "Tony Evans Bible Commentary"
2. "New International Dictionary of the Bible"
3. Strong's Concordance

Next 5 I would buy:

1. "Talk thru the Bible" – Wilkinson & Boa
2. "The IVP Bible Background Commentaries: Old & New Testament"
3. Full Commentary Set (MacArthur, "Bible Speaks Today," "NIV Application Commentary", "Be _____" series from Warren Wiersbe)
4. Holman Bible Atlas
5. A good study Bible (ESV, + many more options)