

## 12 Bible Study Methods

- The Devotional Method. Select a short portion of scripture and prayerfully meditate on it till the Holy Spirit shows you a way to apply it to your life.
- The Chapter Summary Method. Read a chapter of a Bible book through at least five times; then write down a summary of the central thoughts you find in it.
- The Character Quality Method. Choose a character quality you would like to work on in your life and study what the Bible says about it.
- The Thematic Method. Select a Bible theme to study. Then think of three to five questions you would like answered about that theme. Then study all the references you can find on the theme and record the answers to your questions.
- The Biographical Method. Select a person from the Bible and study all the verses you find about that person. Note their attitudes, strengths and weakness and apply what you learn to your life.
- The Topical Method. Collect and compare all the verses you can find on a particular topic, without predetermined questions. Record all your observations.
- The Word Study Method. Study important words in the Bible. Find out the different ways the word is used.
- The Book Background Method. Study how history, geography, culture, and politics affected what happened in the Bible. Use Bible reference Books to increase your understanding of the Bible.

- The Book Survey Method. Survey an entire book of the Bible by reading it through several times to get a general overview of its contents. Then study the background of the book and make notes on its contents.
- The Chapter Analysis Method. Study a chapter in greater detail by taking an in-depth look at each verse in the chapter. Tear each verse apart word by word.
- The Book Synthesis Method. Summarize the contents and main themes of a book of the Bible after you have it through several times. Make an outline of the book. This method is done after you have used a Book Survey Method and the Chapter Analysis Method on every chapter of that book.
- The Verse by Verse Analysis Method. Select one passage of scripture and examine it in detail by asking questions, finding cross references, and paraphrasing each verse. Record a possible application of each verse you study.