

- Must have a proper attitude when approaching Bible study. Ezra 7:10; John 7:17
 - Recognize that God is speaking.
 - It's God's revelation (an uncovering).
 - God says we can understand it. *Isa. 55:10-11; Eph. 3:3-5*
 - ■Some passages are difficult to understand and will take more study. 2 Peter 3:16
 - ■God intended his word for the common people not for scholars. *Matt.* 11:25; 2 Cor. 11:3

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 - An earnest desire for Word of God
 - Figures used in Bible (hunger and thirst, etc.)

 Matt. 5:6; Ps. 119:131; 1 Pet. 2:2
 - ■It's value more precious than gold. Ps. 119:12-16; Prov. 23:23

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 - **■** Effort demanded. 2 Tim. 2:15
 - ■Bible knowledge is like any knowledge, it requires effort. *Acts* 17:11
 - ■God's law of sowing and reaping. Gal. 6:7

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 - Recognize N.T. as our only and final authority.
 - Some things that people look to as authorities:
 - **Parents.** *Matt.* 10:34-37
 - **Creeds.** 1 *Cor.* 4:6
 - Opinions. *Isa. 55:8-9; 1 Cor. 2:11-13*
 - ■Traditions. *Matt. 15:6-9; 2 Thess. 2:15; 1 Thess. 2:13*

