



# IN MY PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY

*Some notes and resources from Dusty Delafield*

## I. Dig it - Understand the Author's Intended Meaning (A.I.M.)

### A. Survey the Background

1. Who wrote the book?
2. Who was it written to?
3. When was it written?
4. Why was it written?

### B. Examine the Context

1. Immediate Context – what is close
  - The surrounding verses
  - The overall purpose of that passage
  - Overall meaning of that book
2. Remote Context – anything else in the Bible
  - Other writings by the same author
  - Other places these themes are found in the Bible

### C. Use your High School English classes

1. Look at the specific choice of words
  - Define them
2. Take notice of the grammar used

## II. Eat it - Look for Contemporary Significance

- A. Find timeless principles
- B. Find parallel life situations

## III. Use it - Ask:

- A. Where does this touch me in my life?
  1. What hope does it give me?
  2. What knowledge do I gain?
- B. How can I grow from this truth?
  1. What is here to guide me in righteousness?
  2. What insight is there for me in life?
  3. How does this truth bring life to my soul?
    - How does this bring me closer to God?
- C. How can I remember this truth?
  1. What wisdom have I gained from the knowledge and insight I have learned?
  2. Where could I have used this in my past?
  3. Where can I use this right now?
  4. Where could I use this in the future?
- D. Do I understand this well enough to be able to share it with someone else?
  1. Where are there opportunities to share this truth?
  2. Who, in my life right now, could benefit from this truth?

## Some Resources:

- Study Bibles: NIV or NKJV Study Bible, Life Application (NIV, NLT, or NASB) Kindle versions between \$10-\$17, Print versions between \$17-\$35
  - [www.biblestudytools.com](http://www.biblestudytools.com) - a simple online study bible - FREE
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