## Improving Your Bible Reading

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## 6. Use Your Bible On Your Computer

(This suggestion is my own from personal experience, AWG). Take the time and money to buy a good Bible software program. There are some inexpensive ones out there and if you are a computer "geek," then these will work well. But for those computer "novices," find and purchase Bible software that is easy to use, intuitive and eyeappealing. These programs will cost more but you are more likely to use them in the long run. My Apple computer runs Accordance Bible Software and I highly recommend it because you get much more "text" for your dollar and it is extremely portable. You can add an "app" to your phone or tablet for free as well and then coordinate them all together.

The advantages of this are too numerous to mention, so I will state just a few. The easiest advantage is that it becomes **an instant concordance!** You can type in a word and find that word in every instance in the Bible! You can narrow your search down to a Bible book, a Bible section (Old Testament, New Testament, History, Poetry, etc.), or a personalized search of almost any kind. Then you can **"right click"** the Bible word and **instantly** locate its Strong's Concordance Number and definition. Cross references are **instantly** available in your right margin or bottom margin of your software, because you just run your mouse over the reference, and a box pops up with the verse! For example, my Bible software is currently opened to Psalm 51:6, and there are 25 cross references for that verse, **all of which** I can read before you can open your Bible and find two of them! There are numerous translations you can open beside one another and compare texts, numerous commentaries that you can open up in a separate window to read, and many Greek and Hebrew dictionaries besides. **THE BOTTOM LINE** is that you can study God's Word and let it speak to you more easily and quickly than ever before! So take advantage of this modern aid and **READ YOUR BIBLE!** 

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