

## Notes For Profitable Study

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**E**very lesson in a workbook can be made more meaningful if some of the following suggestions are followed. They are listed here just as suggestions and are intended to be helpful to both the teacher and the student.

1. **Approach the word of God with just one attitude**, that it is the inspired revelation of the Father given us by the Holy Spirit through the apostles. Never doubt its authority to govern the lives of men and to determine our destiny.
2. **Take all that man may say about the scripture in the light of the word itself**. Men can be wrong but God is right. In **Romans 3:4**, “*Let God be true, but every man a liar,*” is inspired advice. In the workbook, the scripture is before the student at all times. Both the author and the publisher of this series believe what we have written is the truth but it is just as true as proven by the text itself.
3. **Start every session with prayer**. The New Testament tells us on almost every page to pray. The assistant of the Father is needed and the attitude of prayer is helpful in having the right kind of class.
4. **Do not strain the scriptures**. There are difficult passages in the bible but they are few compared with the thousands of passages easily understood. In **Ephesians 1:8**, Paul tells us that God abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence or insight. He has given a revelation that we can understand. The old rule, “If the revealed sense makes common sense, seek no other sense,” is usually true.
5. **Never take a passage out of context and fail to consider the verses that are above and below it**. The old answer, “Read the next verse please,” was not thought up overnight. Many times the verses in the context will explain a passage not readily understood.
6. **Always remember that we live under the New Testament of Jesus Christ**. All of the bible is true but all of the bible does not apply to us today. There is *past*, *present*, and *future* truth and in **2 Peter 1:12**, we are told we live under the *present truth*.
7. **Always listen to the comments and the thoughts of others**. Not only does this make a better class, but many times can add to the truth taught. No one person should seek to take up all of the time but everyone should express themselves freely.
8. **Study, remembering the words of Jesus in John 12:48**, “*the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.*” Classes like this handle the very word that will determine our salvation. Every teacher and student should approach each lesson with complete consecration of heart and concentration of mind.

— via “The Workman of Christ” Workbook-Commentary,  
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**Editor’s Note:** We are concluding our studies for quarter one of 2021 today, and will commence our studies for quarter two of 2021 at the next class period. I encourage all of you to read these notes for profitable study! They are a good foundation for proper Bible study because the instructions have great respect for God’s Word. You will get out of your study exactly what you put into it! God bless and let’s have some great Bible Classes from April—June!

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