

## The Ancient Paths: Bible Study

Deuteronomy 11:18-21 ❖ 2 Timothy 3:14-17

“The central purpose of study is not doctrinal purity (though that is no doubt involved) but inner transformation. We come to the Scripture to be changed, not to amass information.”  
 (“The Celebration of Discipline,” Richard Foster, p. 69)

### “Standing on the Promises”

Russell Carter (1849-1926) was a \_\_\_\_\_ man who had many talents and a broad knowledge of many topics. He was an excellent \_\_\_\_\_ and athlete who became a \_\_\_\_\_ at his alma mater. He went on to become a rancher, a \_\_\_\_\_, and a physician. In addition, he was an accomplished \_\_\_\_\_ and musician, writing both words and music to over 100 \_\_\_\_\_.

Carter professed \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus at the age of fifteen, but confessed: “I made a common mistake by not forsaking my old \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and for fourteen years I lived the up-and-down experience so familiar to the average \_\_\_\_\_ member. It was when I started working in Dwight Moody’s \_\_\_\_\_ meetings that God’s unlimited \_\_\_\_\_ stood out like stars above me.” (“Then Sings My Soul,” Robert Morgan, p. 215)

“Standing on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ my King,  
Through eternal ages let His praises ring;  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.” (1885)

### Bible Study 101

Do you like to read? If so, what do you like to read?

Are you Biblically \_\_\_\_\_?

Paul reminded the young \_\_\_\_\_ Timothy: “From \_\_\_\_\_ you have known the \_\_\_\_\_ Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for \_\_\_\_\_ through faith in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 3:15).

Paul continued: “All Scripture is God-\_\_\_\_\_ and is useful for \_\_\_\_\_, rebuking, \_\_\_\_\_ and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly \_\_\_\_\_ for every good work” (v. 16).

### Some Biblical Examples of Study

- 1) “Fix these words of Mine in your hearts and \_\_\_\_\_; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your \_\_\_\_\_” (Deuteronomy 11:18).
- 2) “How \_\_\_\_\_ are Your words to my taste, \_\_\_\_\_ than honey to my mouth” (Psalm 119:103).
- 3) “Now, brothers, I want to \_\_\_\_\_ you of the gospel I preached to you, which you \_\_\_\_\_ and on which you have taken your \_\_\_\_\_” (1 Corinthians 15:1).

### Misconceptions About Bible Study

- 1) The Bible is too hard to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) I don’t have \_\_\_\_\_ to study the Bible.
- 3) A daily \_\_\_\_\_ is the same as Bible study.

### Suggested Books to Aid Your Study

- 1) A good \_\_\_\_\_ Bible
- 2) “Pocket Bible \_\_\_\_\_” by Henry Halley
- 3) “The Westminster Confession of \_\_\_\_\_” in Modern English
- 4) Books by \_\_\_\_\_ Christian giants
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### Practical Advice on How to Study the Bible

- 1) Be \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Be disciplined; make Bible study a \_\_\_\_\_ and make it \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) Just \_\_\_\_\_ it.

