

# Understanding the Bible

**Open my eyes, that I may behold  
Wonderful things from Your law.**

**Psalm 119:18**

# Why?

- I. Teaching, discipleship, maturity
- II. Guard against false doctrine
- III. God's Communication
- IV. Correct interpretation
- V. Blessing

2 Timothy 2:2

Acts 17:11

2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16

2 Peter 3:15-16; 2 Timothy 2:15; Colossians 3:16

Psalms 1:2-3; Joshua 1:8; Revelation 1:3

# First steps

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I. Holy Spirit

II. Prayer

1 Corinthians 2:12-16; John 16:13; 1 John 2:27  
James 1:5; Matthew 7:7-11; Acts 2:42; 6:4

# Next step: Observation

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What does it *say*?

I. Read

II. Read

III. Read

# Next step: Interpretation

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What does it *mean*?

I. Word studies

II. Setting: time and location

III. Genre