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As you complete the studies in this book, you will develop essential Bible study skills to help you stand strong in your faith.

Using the step-by-step guidelines given in these studies, you will be able to

- become familiar with any book of the Bible,
- get to know Bible characters as real people,
- discover what the words in the Bible mean and what God has to say about them,
- enrich your prayer life by praying through a Bible passage,
- make Biblical accounts come alive in your mind,
- combine several study methods to dig deeper into a Bible passage,
- handle God's Word accurately and effectively.

Strong in the Word helps you gain spiritual strength through accurate and effective Bible study!

The studies in this book are from

1 Peter	Jude	2 John	Revelation
2 Peter	1 John	3 John	

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How to Use this Bible Study

Resources Needed

- Bible
You choose which version you want to use.
- Bible Reference Tools (Get one, two, or all three.)
Study Bible—A study Bible contains outlines, background information, and notes intermingled along with the text of each book of the Bible.
Bible Commentary—A commentary records another Bible student's comments on a particular book of the Bible or all the books of the Bible. Ask your parents and pastor to recommend a good one.
Bible Handbook—A handbook is a collection of background information and notes, somewhat similar to those found in a study Bible, but without the Bible text included.
- *Strong's Concordance*
Strong's Concordance is available for many versions of the Bible. You can find it as a printed book, as software, or on websites like <http://blueletterbible.org> and <http://biblos.com>.

How It Works

Each chapter in this book will walk you through a different type of Bible study. You will learn how to perform a

- Book Study—Become familiar with one book of the Bible.
- Character Study—Get to know a Bible character as a real person.
- Marking the Text—Make a passage your own with a technique to highlight your findings.
- Word Study—Discover what a particular word means and what God says about it.
- Praying through Scripture—Learn to use Scripture as an aid in prayer.
- Narrative Study—Make Biblical accounts come alive in your mind.
- Inductive Study—Combine several study methods to gain personal understanding.

Just follow the simple step by step instructions in each chapter. Once you complete all of these studies, you can use the same step by step instructions to perform other studies on your own.

Your Schedule

Each chapter is divided into shorter lessons. You should be able to complete one lesson in one sitting. Wait at least a day before tackling the next lesson. Sure, you could complete all the lessons in a chapter in one day, but you would miss the benefits of having time to meditate on what you are studying. Spreading out your study over several days or weeks gives you time to ponder, contemplate, and consider truth rather than rushing through the study just to get it done. So take your time.

Chapter 1

Book Study of 1 Peter

In a Book Study you focus on one book of the Bible. You'll be completing these steps in your Book Study:

1. Read through the entire book, watching for its background and purpose.
2. Read through each chapter and summarize it.
3. State the book's main theme, outline the book, and summarize it as an acrostic.

Lesson 1

For this Book Study, you'll be focusing on the book of 1 Peter.

Read through the entire book, watching for its background and purpose. An easy way to remember what you are looking for is to think of an e-mail. The four important pieces of information that are displayed when you receive an e-mail in your Inbox are

To:
From:
Date:
Subject:

The writer doesn't usually come right out and say, "This is my subject." Watch for clues such as, "I wanted to write to you to . . ." or a topic that comes up often or takes up a lot of verses.

Those are the items you should watch for as you read through 1 Peter this time. See how many of them you can find, and record them below along with the chapter and verse references where you found them.

To: _____

From: _____

Date: _____

Subject: _____

Use your Bible study resources to learn more about those four key items. The resources that would probably help the most would include

- A study Bible's introduction to 1 Peter
- A commentary that includes 1 Peter
- A Bible handbook's notes on 1 Peter

Read what one or two or all three of those resources have to say, and add any extra information you find to your notes above.

The next step in doing a Book Study is to read through each chapter and summarize it. Read through 1 Peter 1, paragraph by paragraph, and summarize each paragraph in one sentence. Ask yourself, "What is this paragraph about?" and write your answer in one sentence. The first one is done for you as an example.

1:1, 2 Peter wrote this letter to exiled believers across Asia

1:3-9

1:10-12

1:13-21

1:22-25

If you are using a Bible that gives titles for various sections in the chapters, you may not just copy those titles. Read the passages, think about the passages, and come up with your own titles.

Lesson 2

Continue reading through each chapter of 1 Peter and summarizing it. Read 1 Peter 2 and summarize each paragraph in one sentence.

2:1-8

2:9, 10

2:11, 12

2:13-17

2:18-25

Lesson 3

Continue reading through each chapter of 1 Peter and summarizing it. Read 1 Peter 3 and summarize each paragraph in one sentence.

3:1-6

3:7

3:8-12

3:13-17

3:18-22

Lesson 4

Continue reading through each chapter of 1 Peter and summarizing it. Read 1 Peter 4 and summarize each paragraph in one sentence.

4:1-6

4:7-11

4:12-18

4:19

The study done here shows you how to do an overview of a Bible book. If you want to study the Bible book more in-depth, you can do word studies, topical studies, and other inductive studies within that book.

Lesson 5

Finish reading through each chapter of 1 Peter and summarizing it. Read 1 Peter 5 and summarize each paragraph in one sentence.

5:1-5

5:6-11

5:12-14

Now read through each chapter's summary sentences and come up with one summary sentence for the entire chapter. Record your chapter summaries below.

1 Peter 1

1 Peter 2

1 Peter 3

1 Peter 4

1 Peter 5