GOD HONORING BIBLE STUDY 10-30-16 AM

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II Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Psa. 91:4 He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: <u>His truth shall be thy</u> shield and buckler. Eph. 6:16 Above all, take the <u>shield of faith</u>, with which you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. Eph. 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the <u>Word of God</u>,

New believer or old here are some keys to successful Bible study:

Salvation begins the Journey. Only saved people have the Holy Spirit and spiritual discernment. I Cor. 2:9-16; I John 2:20

Love and hunger for God's Word. The more we study the Bible the more we will enjoy it. Jeremiah 15:16; Job 23:12

Work at it. It takes work to pull truths out of the Bible much like pulling gold and silver out of the earth. Proverbs 2:1-5

Wholly surrender to God and His Word.John 17:6-8.Let Him know that you will honor what His Word says.

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Obey God's Word. James 1:22. We lose God's guidance when we do not obey and we deceive ourselves in the process (I Corinthians 5:9-12) if we think we can watch immoral things and keep worldly friends and still have God's guidance and blessing!

Manifest a childlike faith. Do not try to come to God's Word to confirm your own ideas. Come with a willingness to conform to His ideas. Matthew 11:25.

Approach the study of the Bible as God's actual words. I Thessalonians 2:13. The King James (New King James Version) is reflective of the best original manuscripts. We can thus hold the Word of God in our hands as His truth.

Prayerfulness. Psalms 119:18. Ask God to teach you and mold you as you study His Word the Bible.