

## The Importance of Background Checks

(2 Pet. 1:19-21) Series: Understanding the Bible

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If you have met truly with the God of the Bible and know Him personally, you won't *want* to give up on Him or His word.

Why you may struggle to "get much out" of the Bible when you read it:

- 1) Lack of \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Unconfessed \_\_\_\_\_ in your life
- 3) Lacking the right \_\_\_\_\_

Things to look for in a Scripture text to help interpret it:

- ✓ In what \_\_\_\_\_ is it?
- ✓ What \_\_\_\_\_ does the author use?
- ✓ What purpose did the author have in mind for his \_\_\_\_\_?
- ✓ What do we \_\_\_\_\_ the original audience?

Where to find background information:

- ✓ Online resources (with great caution!). Pastor uses BibleStudyTools.com
- ✓ A good study Bible

Don't neglect the most important resource of all: \_\_\_\_\_!

When reading Scripture and looking for life application, remember "SPACE PETS."

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**P** Is there a PROMISE to claim?

**A** Is there an ATTITUDE to change or ACTION to take?

**C** Is there a COMMAND to obey?

**E** Is there an EXAMPLE to follow?

**P** Is there a PRAYER to pray?

**E** Is there an ERROR to avoid?

**T** Is there a TRUTH to believe, memorize, or meditate on?

**S** Is there SOMETHING for which to praise God?



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Why you may struggle to "get much out" of the Bible when you read it:

- 4) Lack of **salvation**
- 5) Unconfessed **sin** in your life
- 6) Lacking the right **tools**

Things to look for in a Scripture text to help interpret it:

- ✓ In what **genre** is it?
- ✓ What **style** does the author use?
- ✓ What purpose did the author have in mind for his **original audience**?
- ✓ What do we **know about** the original audience?

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