

## BE READY ALWAYS TO GIVE AN ANSWER

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This outline suggestion for learning our Bibles consists of three parts: (1) Coloring our Bibles, (2) Chain referencing our Bibles, and (3) Memorizing our Bible by chapters. Mr. Armstrong suggested a similar procedure in our freshman Bible class in 1952 for thorough Bible acquaintance and usage. I have found this to be invaluable in my ministry over the past 11 years.

Coloring our Bibles includes both marking by subject colors and titling paragraphs by topic writing. I mean by this, coloring every passage on healing--brown, and every passage on prayer--green, for example. Titling paragraphs would be like writing WINE across the page in blue pencil for verses on this subject. The reason for not having a color for every subject is that you would need too many different colors to do so, and short words are just as easily written out with wide letters like TITHE, DANCE, etc.

My topic colors are as follows:

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| (1) PRAYER--GREEN          | (7) HOLY DAYS--BLUE            |
| (2) SABBATH--RED           | (8) DIVORCE--VIOLET            |
| (3) SATAN, DEMONS--YELLOW  | (9) SCIENCE, CREATION--BLACK   |
| (4) PREDESTINATION--ORANGE | Ps. 139:13-16; Ps. 104:2-13,   |
| (5) HEALING--BROWN         | 16-18, 20-32,                  |
| (6) ISRAEL--PURPLE         | (10) UNCLEAN MEATS--LIGHT BLUE |

The verses dealing with these subjects should be outlined in these colors, and not colored solidly.

TITLES written across the page in the letters of the words are:

- (1) WINE--As Gen. 19:32-38; Matt. 9:14-17; Prov. 31:6; 23:20-21, 29-35; Hos. 4:11; Amos 9:14; Micah 2:11; Zech. 9:17; 10:7; Eph. 5:18; I Tim. 3:3; 5:23.
- (2) H.S.--Holy Spirit, as Acts 1:8; John 6:63; John 14:26; John 16:13-14; Acts 2:38; 5:32; Rom. 8:2; Ps. 51:11-12; I Sam. 10:6,10.
- (3) O.T.--Old Testament--quoted or used in the New Testament, Lk. 20:17, 37, 42; Lk. 4:17-21, 23, 25, 26.
- (4) I.S.--Immortal Soul, as I Tim. 6:16; II Tim. 1:10; I Cor. 15:53; Rom. 2:7; II Tim. 2:18; I John 1:2; 2:25; Jude 21; Eccl. 3:19; 8:8.

- (5) SUN --SUN WORSHIP, Pass, Resurrection, as Acts 7:42; Micah 6:16; Amos 5:26; Hos. 2:8, 13, 16-17; 9:10; 11:2; 13:1.
- (6) \$ --Verses on finances and money, as Mk. 12:41-44; Matt. 6:19-21, 25; III John 2; Acts 20:35; Prov. 28:13; II Cor. 9; Eph. 4:14-19; I Tim. 5:4, 8; 6:7-10.
- (7) 1000--Millennium, as II. Pet. 3:8; Ps. 149:6-9; Amos 9:11-15; Isa. 30:18-26; Zech. 14; Isa. 2:11; Micah 4; Rev. 20; Hos. 14:4-9.
- (8) GOVN--Government, as Acts 7:35; I Thes. 4:1-2; Gal. 2:12; II Cor. 10:1-2, 8-18; 13:5-10; Eph. 4:11-14; I Cor. 4; I Cor. 5:1-5; I Cor. 12:18-31; 16:1; II Thes. 3:6-16.
- (9) SEX --As I Cor. 6:9; Prov. 5:15-20; I Thes. 4:3-7; Gen. 19:32-28; II Sam. 11 and 13.
- (10) TITHES--As I Cor. 9:1-10; II Tim. 2:6; Heb. 7:1-10; Gen. 14:20; Deut. 12 and 14; Matt. 23:23.
- (11) WORK--God's Work as, I Cor. 15:58; Hos. 5:9; 7:12; Hab. 1:5; Ps. 69:9; Ps. 48:8.
- (12) FAST--Fasting, as Joel 1:14; 2:12, 15; II Sam. 12; Ps. 69:10; Acts 23:12; Isa. 58:1-12; Matt. 4:2; 9:14-16.
- (13) UNIONS--Labor Unions, as Amos 4:1; Eph. 6:5; Col. 3:22; Jas. 5:4; Prov. 27:18.
- (14) KIDS--Discipling children, as Eccl. 8:11; Prov. 30:17; Prov 22:6; 13:24; Gen. 18:19; Prov. 19:13, 18; 20:30; 13:24.
- (15) DANCE--Dancing, as I Sam. 18:6; 21:11; II Sam. 6:14-16; Ps. 150:4; 149:3; Matt. 11:17; Eccl.3:4; Ex. 14:20.
- (16) MUSIC--Ps. 146:2; 147:1; Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Ps. 66:1-2; 68:3-4, 25; 66:4.
- (17) C.O.--Conscientious Objector, as John 18:36; Ps. 68:30; Prov. 21:31; II Sam. 23:10-12; 18:28, 31; Zech. 4:6; 9:10; II Tim. 2:3-4.
- (18) PREACHER--As Zech. 11:15-17; II Cor. 11:13-15; Jer. 23; Ezek. 34; Titus 1:10-16.
- (19) FOOD--As Heb. 13:9; Prov. 27:2; Lev. 2:4-7; Gen. 18:6-8; Lev. 3:17.
- (20) WIVES--I Pet. 3:1-6; Prov. 31; Prov. 12:4; Eph. 5:22-24; I Sam. 1; Ruth 1:16-17.

- (21) BAPT--Baptism, as Acts 2:38; Heb. 6:2; John 3:5; Matt. 3:11; Matt. 28:19.
- (22) HAND--Laying on of hands, as Acts 6:6; Heb. 6:2; II Tim. 1:6; I Tim. 5:22; 4:14.
- (23) BIRTHDAY--As Mk. 6; Matt. 14; Gen. 40:20.
- (24) XMAS--As Jer. 10:1-5; Matt. 1:18-25; 2; Lk. 1:2.
- (25) JEWELRY--Ezek. 16; Isa. 3.
- (26) 100--Period after Millennium; White Throne Judgment--Matt. 11:20-24; Ps. 49:14; Isa. 65:20.
- (27) TARES--Parable of wheat and tares, as Matt. 13:24-32, 36-43. Other parables likewise--PENNY, SOWER, TALENTS, POUNDS.

The second system of chain referencing would be done by listing the subject in a blank page in the back of your Bible, as done. Then beside this put the first scripture, Ex. 15:20. Then when you turn to Ex. 15:20 put the next scripture in your margin, as Ex. 32:19. Continue this right on through all of the verses on that one subject. This chain referencing, which is the system used in the center margin of your Bible, enables you to go right through studying a subject in an outline form, and can be used on any and all subjects.

For the third suggestion in this system, we will mail with the next issue of the Church of God News a mimeographed copy of our "Memorize the Bible by Chapters" list. This covers all passages or subjects worth memorizing, but just the basic, foundational ones.

We recommend the National Bible, previously recommended in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course, as it has large, easy to read print, and easy to color paper, unlike the onion skin paper editions. We also recommend the Venus Paradise pencils, set of 12. If you would like to have us send you either the National Bible or pencil set at cost, 40 to 50% saving over what you would generally pay, then let us know by return mail. The pencils range in cost from 99 cents to \$1.15, and the hardback Bibles are about \$3.00, and the leather back ones about \$8.00.

May you "study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman who needs not be ashamed, but rightly divides the word of truth."

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