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Helpful Bible Study Resources

You don't need to know Greek or Hebrew to efficiently study the Bible, nor do you need to purchase thick and expensive Biblical literature, commentaries, or software. Here are a few free resources to help you access major Bible commentaries, Bible translations, Biblical maps and graphics, word studies, Bible dictionaries, devotions, and so much more!

But let this easy access lead to spiritual maturity, not confusion or hypocrisy. Let me remind you of two things. First, remember that human beings do not reveal God's Word, they only attempt to interpret and explain it, so be wise and consult Scripture, as well as sensible and mature students of the Word when in doubt of the accuracy of the resources you use.

Second, knowledge is not power. Knowledge is power only when applied. Knowing the Word of God academically and not applying it practically is as good as not knowing it at all:

"Observation plus interpretation without application equals abortion. In other words, every time you observe and interpret but fail to apply, you perform an abortion on the Scriptures in terms of their purpose. The Bible was not written to satisfy your curiosity; it was written to transform your life. The ultimate goal of Bible study, then, is not to do something to the Bible, but to allow the Bible to do something to you, so truth becomes tangent to life" (Dr. Howard Hendricks).

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www.e-sword.net – Free downloaded Bible study software which allows you to customize your program to have only the resources that you want.

www.blueletterbible.org – Online access to Bible study resources, including parallel translation views and Hebrew/Greek lexicons.

www.biblegateway.com – A website that provides user-friendly Bible study tools to read and study Scripture.

www.crosswalk.com – A website that provides content to help the believer grow in their walk with the Lord, including Bible study resources, articles relevant to real-life issues, and material to help people of all backgrounds live quality lives.