A TIME FOR REFRESHING

What are the seven main themes to study and understand from the Bible?

1. We need to understand what_____.
2. We need to understand what_____.
3. We need to understand what_____.
4. We need to understand what the sinner needs_____.
5. We need to understand what God will then do for_____.
6. We need to understand that God wants believers_____.
7. We need to understand that God wants believers to get _____ _____.

How Should We Read Our Bibles?

When you receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord you enter various relationships with Him. **You become:**

Part of the _____.

A _____.

A _____.

A_____.

1. How does a Bride read a love-letter?

She reads every word of it, that is, she reads it _____**!** But this is not what most people do with the Bible. They read snippets, bits and pieces, here and there and that's not good. But not so with a girl and a love letter.

2. How does a Traveler consult a Road Map?

The answer is _____**!** At every route change, crossroad, and forked roads, and doubtful turnings I was constantly checking and rechecking my map as I drove. So, the Bible must be consulted constantly. No Christian who wants to travel through life safely will allow a whole day to pass without consulting God's roadmap, the Bible. Most likely he will look at it many times a day, especially when in doubt concerning which way to go.

3. How does a Student study a Lesson Book?

The answer is _____**!** The Bible is not only a love letter, and a roadmap, it is a lesson book. The student who doesn't carefully study the lesson book doesn't get honors or first at examinations. Lessons books can be very difficult and have a way of demanding hard work. It is no use denying the fact that the Bible is not all milk and bread. *"Strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who …use…their sense"* **(Hebrews 5: 13-14)**. There are two parts of the Bible the Old and New Testaments. The New Testament is God's lesson book; the Old Testament is His picture book. Take the trouble to learn carefully the lessons taught in the Gospels and the Epistles, and then study the illustrations, the pictures, the types that are found in the Old Testament that light up the lessons and make their meaning clear.

4. How does a Good Soldier obey Army Orders?

The answer is _____**!** Whoever wrote Psalm 119 tells us three things about himself. He says that he is wiser than his enemies, knows more than his teachers, and is clever than his elders. How was that? *"Because, he says, I keep Thy precepts," that is, because he kept God's commandments"* **(Psalm 119:98-100)**. Sometimes a soldier may grumble at Army Orders because they may seem stupid or unnecessary. But he also knows that promotion comes by obedience. The Bible is the Christian soldier's army orders. It must not only be read ***completely*** like a love letter, and consulted ***constantly*** like a road map, and studied ***carefully*** like a

lesson book; it must be obeyed ***conscientiously*** like army orders. Every Commanding Officer reached his place by obedience. So, our Great Commanding Officer, the Lord Jesus Christ, said: *As the Father gave Me commandment, even so I do", and then He added, "Arise, let us go hence"* **(John 14:31)**. When He had spoken these words He went over the Kedron to Calvary, and so to His victorious resurrection. All victory worth having is the result of obedience, and the Bible is the Christian's book of rules, his army orders, to be read, consulted, studied and obeyed!!!

The Bible is the Christian's Army Orders. In it we are told where to go and what to do in our Christian warfare against the forces of evil. Often there are dangers to face, foes to fight. But we never go alone. Our Commanding Officer always says: "I'm coming with you."

The Lord Jesus is not only our Commander and Companion, but He is also our Conqueror.

So, treat your Bible as a good soldier treats his Army Orders and obey it conscientiously.

Please practice:

Reading your Bible as ***a love letter.***

Consulting it constantly like a road map.

Studying it carefully like a lesson book.

Obeying it conscientiously like army orders.

Only then will it become a joy and not a duty, never boring always delightful!!!