



SOAP Bible Study Method

What you need:

- Bible
- Journal
- Pen
- Plan

Setting up your journal:

- Name on the front, and phone or email in case you misplace it
 - Use the first few pages as an index
 - Write down #1 on the first page you will use after index section
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The Method:

1. Write the letter "S" for Scripture on the margin of your page. This will be the basis for the rest of your study.
 - a. Read one chapter of Scripture
 - b. Choose a verse or two that jumps out to you that you would like to explore
 - c. Write it down word for word, followed by the reference
2. Write the letter "O" for Observation on the margin of your page. Record your observations in three or more bullet points. For example,
 - a. What jumped out at you about this verse?
 - b. Note repeated or unusual words. What people are involved?
 - c. Are there contrasts (using the word 'but'), conditional clauses (if then), promises or commands?
 - d. Are there questions that arise as you observe your selection of Scripture?
 - e. Who are the people or places involved?
3. Write the letter "A" for Application on the margin of your page. This is about what the verse means to you and what you are going to do about it. Make these practical and doable. Record them in 3 or more bullet points.
 - a. What does God want me to know?
 - b. What am I supposed to do?
 - c. What does God want me to become?
4. Write the letter "P" for Prayer on the margin of your page. Write a prayer of a few sentences to a paragraph to ask for God's help in living out the application. Make it conversational, not formal. It could be a prayer of thanks, commitment or confession or a combination. Base the prayer on the application, which arises from your observation, anchored in the verse(s) you chose.
5. Write a one word or phrase title for your study and write it at the top of your page.
6. Go to your index in the front of your journal, write the entry number and your title.