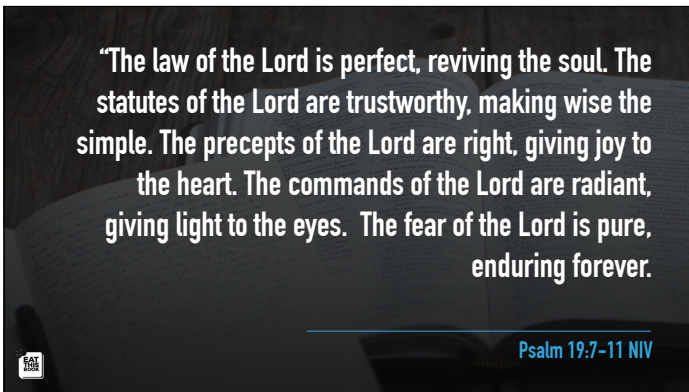




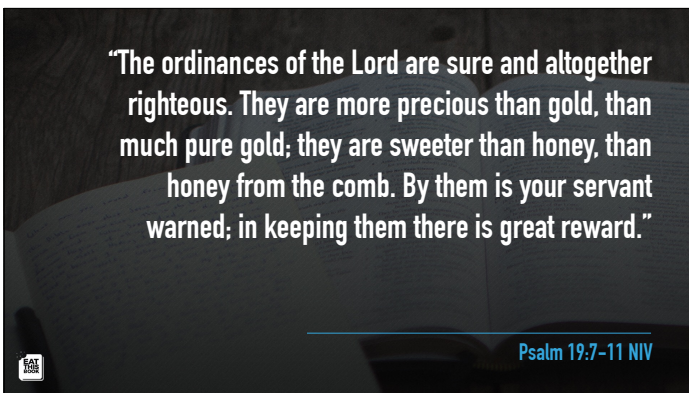
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THE BIBLE WE STUDY

- ▶ The Word is perfect
- ▶ The Word is relevant
- ▶ The Word is good
- ▶ The Word is clear
- ▶ The Word is eternal
- ▶ The Word is true
- ▶ The Word is available

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THE NEED FOR TRANSLATIONS

Total World Languages:
6,912

Languages With No Bible:
2,286

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WHICH TRANSLATION SHOULD I USE?

LOOK AT THE PROCESS BEHIND THE TRANSLATION

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THE PROCESS OF TRANSLATION

- ▶ A Divine Author
- ▶ Human authors
- ▶ Original text
- ▶ Copies of the original text
- ▶ Critical text
- ▶ Translator or translation team
- ▶ Translation
- ▶ Contemporary reader

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THE CONTINUUM OF TRANSLATIONS

The Formal Approach:
Word-for-word

The Functional Approach:
Thought-for-thought

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WHY WE DON'T STUDY THE BIBLE

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WHY WE DON'T STUDY THE BIBLE

"I don't see how the Bible really applies to my life."
"I've tried, but I just don't know how to study the Bible."
"I'm not a professional; isn't that the pastor's job?"
"I just don't have time."
"I'm not sure if the Bible is even true."
"To be honest, it just seems boring to me."

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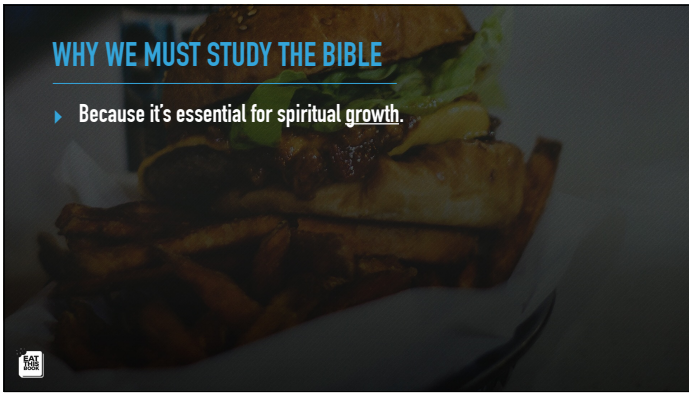
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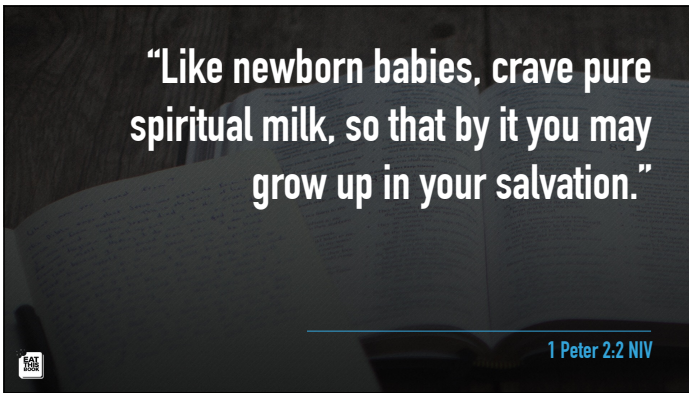
- ▶ Because it's essential for spiritual growth.



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“Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.”

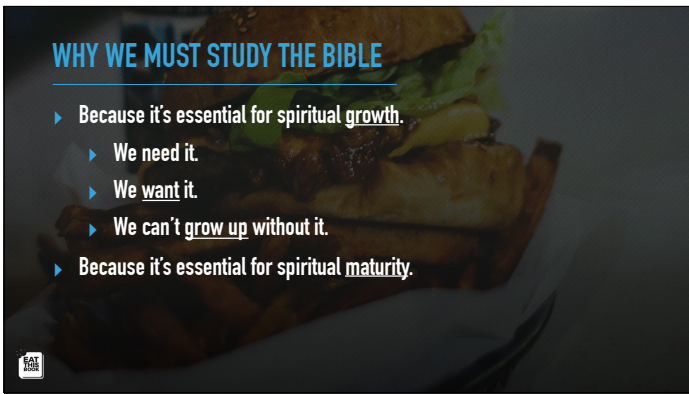
1 Peter 2:2 NIV



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WHY WE MUST STUDY THE BIBLE

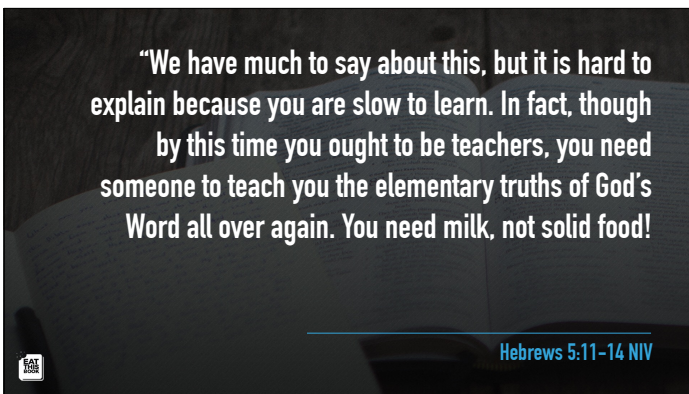
- ▶ Because it's essential for spiritual growth.
 - ▶ We need it.
 - ▶ We want it.
 - ▶ We can't grow up without it.
- ▶ Because it's essential for spiritual maturity.



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“We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's Word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

Hebrews 5:11-14 NIV



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“Anyone who lives on milk, still being an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.”

Hebrews 5:11-14 NIV

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 - ▶ We want it.
 - ▶ We can't grow up without it.
- ▶ Because it's essential for spiritual maturity.
- ▶ Because it's essential for spiritual effectiveness.

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“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV

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WHO CAN STUDY THE BIBLE?

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- ▶ Anyone can study the Bible.
- ▶ Only those who have the Spirit of Christ can understand the Bible.

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“The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

1 Corinthians 2:12-14 NIV

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 - ▶ The Spirit inspired the Word.
 - ▶ The Spirit illuminates the Word.
 - ▶ The Spirit instructs us in the Word.

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HOW DO WE STUDY THE BIBLE?

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HOW DO WE STUDY THE BIBLE?

- ▶ Study the Bible prayerfully.
 - ▶ We NEVER study the Bible alone.
- ▶ Study the Bible humbly.
 - ▶ Do you really want to know Him?
- ▶ Study the Bible carefully.
 - ▶ We want to understand the text rightly.
- ▶ Study the Bible joyfully.
 - ▶ Bible study involves the thrill of personal discovery.



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HOW DO WE STUDY THE BIBLE?

- ▶ Study the Bible simply.
 - ▶ You, the Bible, and the Holy Spirit.
 - ▶ If you can read, you can study.
- ▶ Study the Bible confidently.
 - ▶ The Holy Spirit is in you to enable you to do this!
- ▶ Study the Bible consistently.
 - ▶ We need to be equipped to study every text of every book.



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HOW DO WE STUDY THE BIBLE?

- ▶ Study the Bible diligently.
 - ▶ Learning to study the Bible will not happen overnight.
- ▶ Study the Bible intentionally.
 - ▶ Always study with a notebook and pen/pencil in hand.
- ▶ Study the Bible personally.
 - ▶ You will fall in love with the Author of the book.
 - ▶ You will find true life under the authority of the book.



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DANGEROUS APPROACHES TO BIBLE STUDY



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UNDERSTAND THEIR HOME ▶ This step involves interpretation.
“What does it mean?”

- ▶ Discover what the text means.
- ▶ A question of context.



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BRING IT BACK HOME ▶ This step involves implications.
“How does it relate?”

- ▶ Discover how the text travels.
- ▶ A question of connection.



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APPLY IT TO YOUR HOME ▶ This step involves application.
“What do I do?”

- ▶ Discover how the text transforms.
- ▶ A question of conduct.



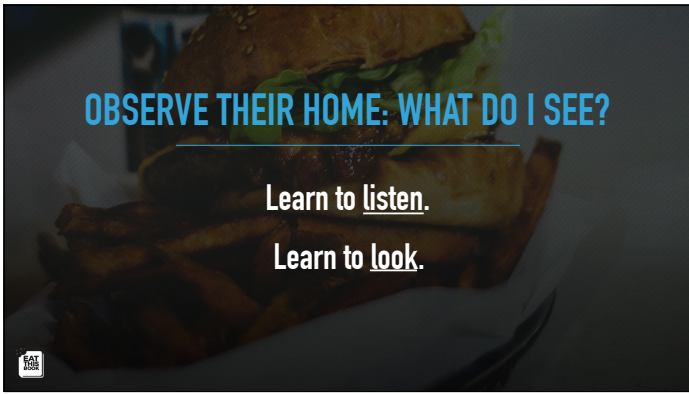
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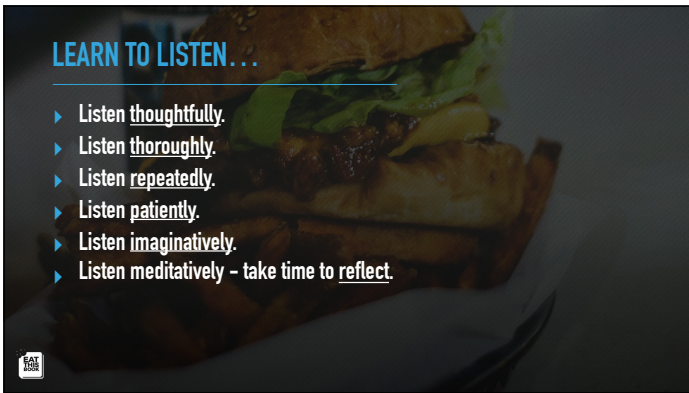
OBSERVE THEIR HOME:
WHAT DO I SEE?



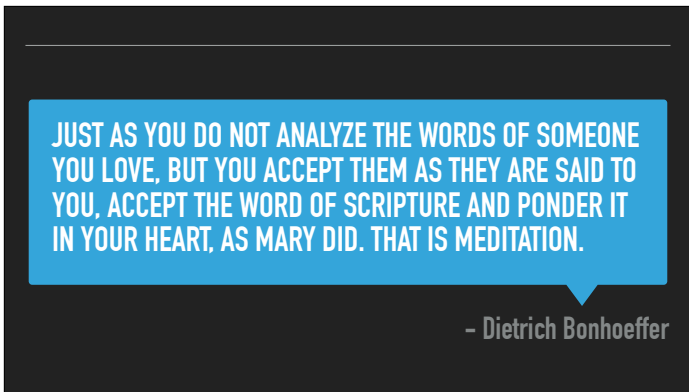
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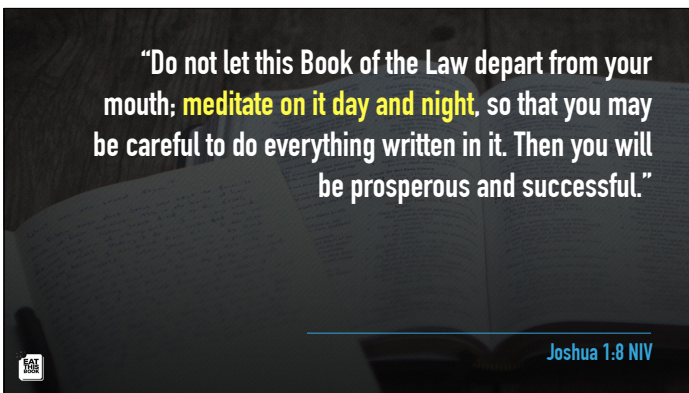
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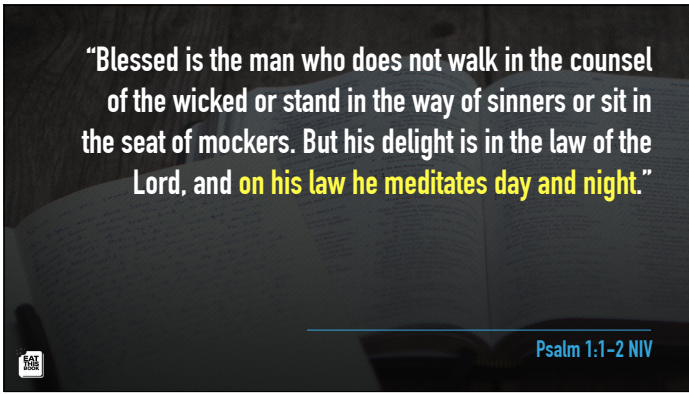
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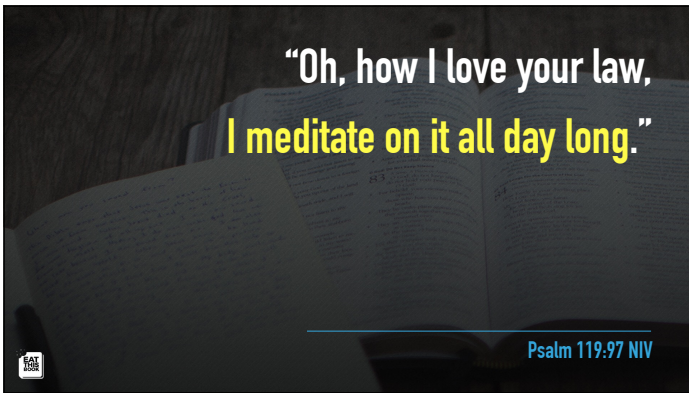
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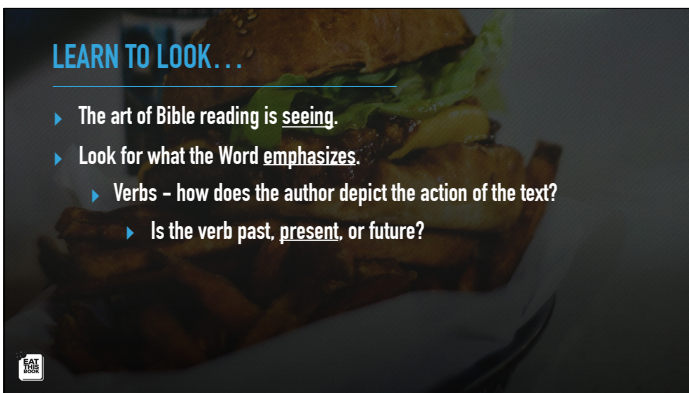
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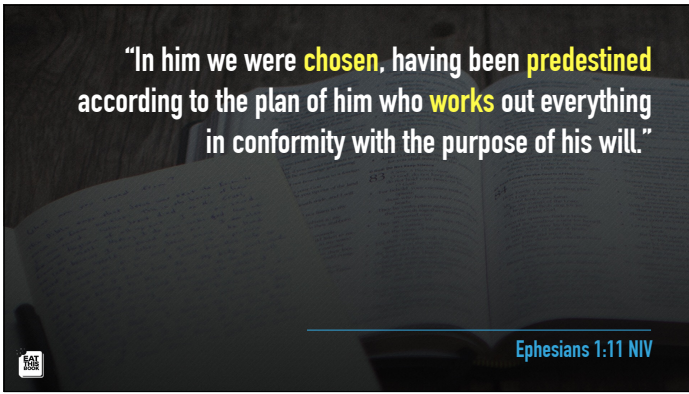
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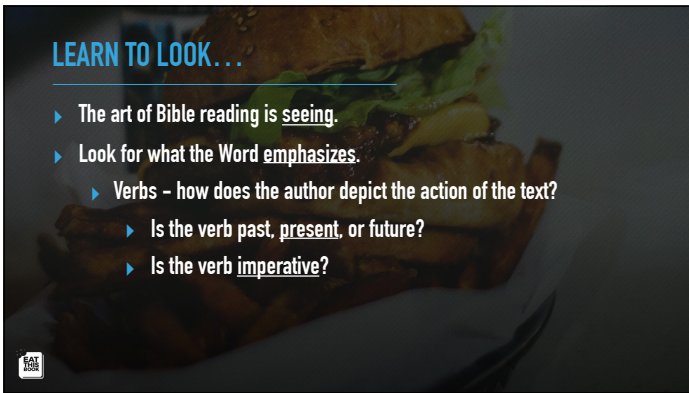
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"In him we were **chosen**, having been **predestined** according to the plan of him who **works** out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will."

Ephesians 1:11 NIV

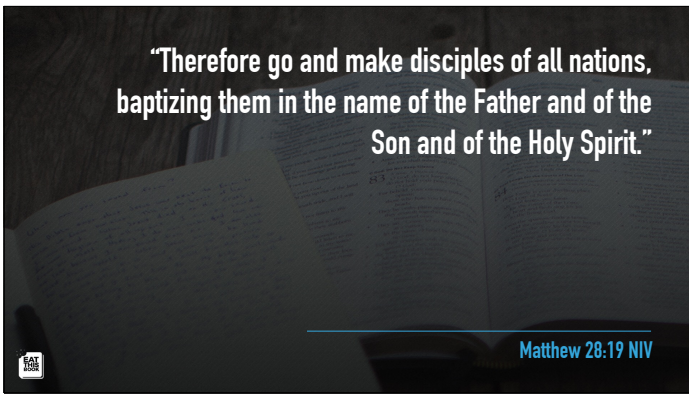
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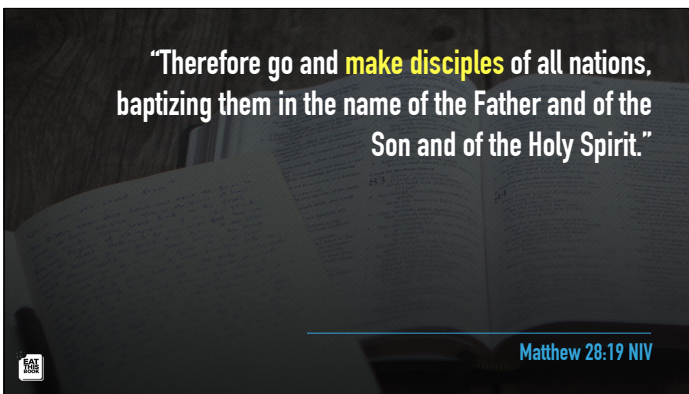
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Matthew 28:19 NIV

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Genesis 12:1-3 NIV

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“Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.”

Ephesians 5:18 NIV

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“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.”

Colossians 3:1 NIV

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 - ▶ Space - is the author devoting concentrated attention to a certain theme, character, or event?
 - ▶ Purpose statement - does the author describe why he says something or why something happens?

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"See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the Lord my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people."

Deuteronomy 4:5-6 NIV

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"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you."

Psalms 119:11 NIV

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"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16 NIV

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"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name."

John 15:16 NIV

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"Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

John 20:30-31 NIV

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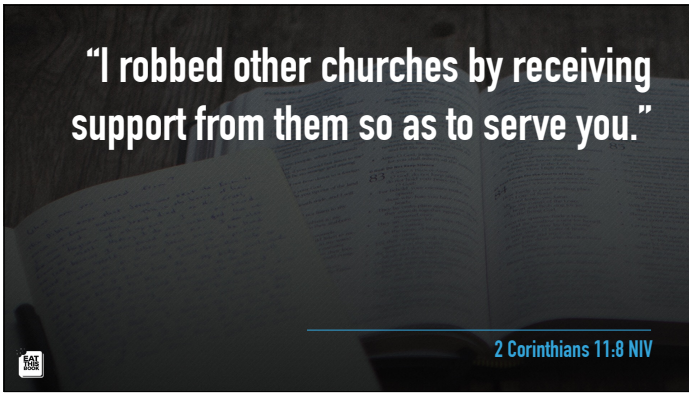
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 - ▶ Exaggeration - does the author exaggerate something for intentional effect or emphasis?

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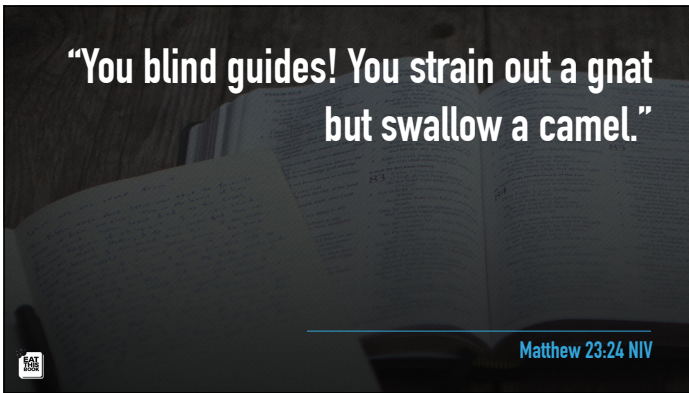
"My soul is consumed with longing for your laws at all times."

Psalms 119:20 NIV

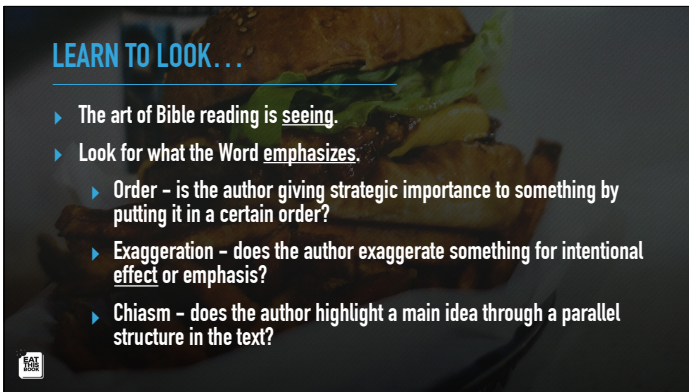
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