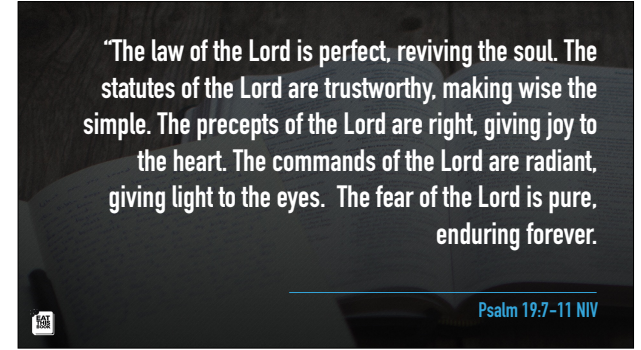


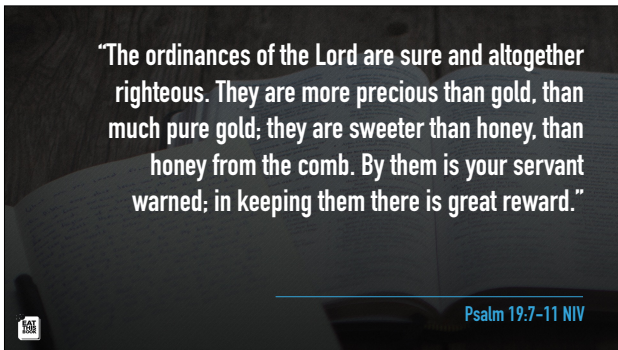
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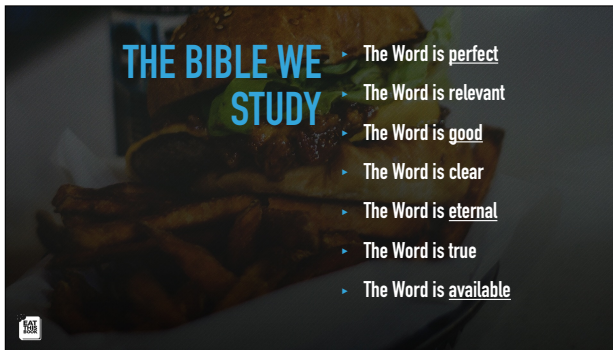
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WHICH TRANSLATION SHOULD I USE?

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LOOK AT THE PROCESS BEHIND THE TRANSLATION

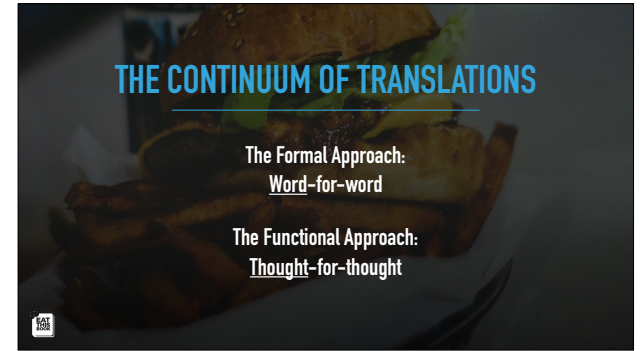
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THE PROCESS OF TRANSLATION

- ▶ 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

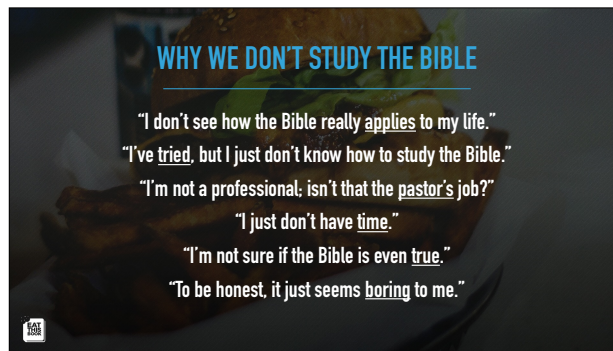
The Functional Approach:  
Thought-for-thought

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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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WHY WE MUST STUDY THE BIBLE

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**WHY WE MUST STUDY THE BIBLE**

- ▶ 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.”**

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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!”**

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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.”**

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- ▶ 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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### WHO CAN STUDY THE BIBLE

- ▶ 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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### WHO CAN STUDY THE BIBLE

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- ▶ Only those who have the Spirit of Christ can understand the Bible.
  - ▶ 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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### DANGEROUS APPROACHES TO BIBLE STUDY

- THE EMOTIONAL APPROACH: "What feels right to me?"
- THE SPIRITUAL APPROACH: "What deep, hidden meaning is there for me?"
- THE PRAGMATIC APPROACH: "What works best for me?"
- THE SUPERFICIAL APPROACH: "What does this mean to me?"



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## A DEPENDABLE APPROACH TO BIBLE STUDY



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**IMAGINE GOING ON A MISSION TRIP . . .**

OBSERVE THEIR HOME: "What do I see?"

UNDERSTAND THEIR HOME: "What does it mean?"

BRING IT BACK HOME: "How does it relate?"

APPLY IT IN YOUR HOME: "What do I do?"

EAT THIS BOOK

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**OBSERVE THEIR HOME** ▶ This step involves exploration.

"What do I see?"

▶ Discover what the text says.

▶ A question of content.

EAT THIS BOOK

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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.

EAT THIS BOOK

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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.

EAT THIS BOOK

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**EAT THIS BOOK**

Devouring the Word of God

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