



Bible Study Framework

A very basic
Conceptual Framework
for the
Structured Approach
to
Bible Study



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Welcome and Introduction

The importance of Bible Study in the lives of all Christians are critically important to spiritual growth and stability and also in building a solid foundation on Christ.

It is also very important that the scriptures we receive and study, are not taken in isolation and are all tested and confirmed against all Scripture, as a whole.

This will ensure that we observe context, and remain focussed on the truth that God wants to reveal to us.

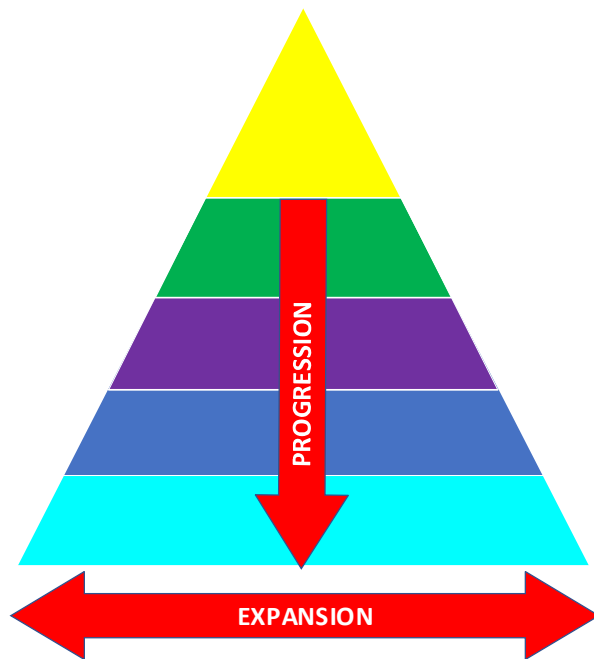
This is a basic recommendation on how to do and apply Bible Study, and is by no means perfect nor complete, but is presented as a guideline.



Bible Study Pyramid

The solution and structure I will present follows the basic premise that everything God, is structure, and has a natural flow and order.

The model that I propose is based on a Pyramid, which when examined, starts at the top, and then as it progresses downward, expands exponentially until it forms a solid foundation.



The growth experienced in the downward movement expands on the knowledge gained from layer above.

Inverted, the maximum knowledge of the layer above becomes the minimum foundational knowledge of the next layer, until it reaches saturation and then becomes the foundation of the next layer in the process.



Pyramid Descriptions

Top Layer – God’s Voice

The process starts with the Lord revealing something to us that we are prompted to investigate and bring to Life, I call it either a Concept or a Message.



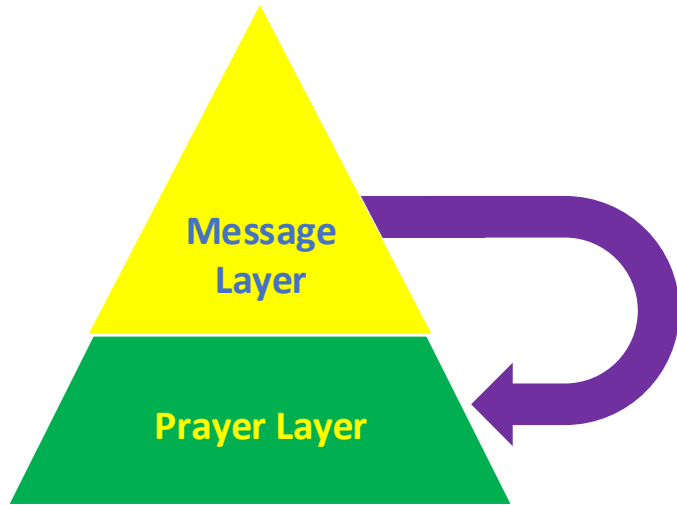
Concept: This could be defined as a general biblical concept that we as Christians have to know.

Message: This is something that is personal, and has personal impacts and applications to your life.



Pyramid Descriptions

Second Layer - Prayer



The message will in both instances contain a core scripture or an idea or concept that God wants us to implement, whether in our own lives or share with others. In order for us to understand the full context, we must spend time in prayer.

Prayer is the core communications medium with God. We see in the scripture that Jesus spent time in prayer for various reasons.

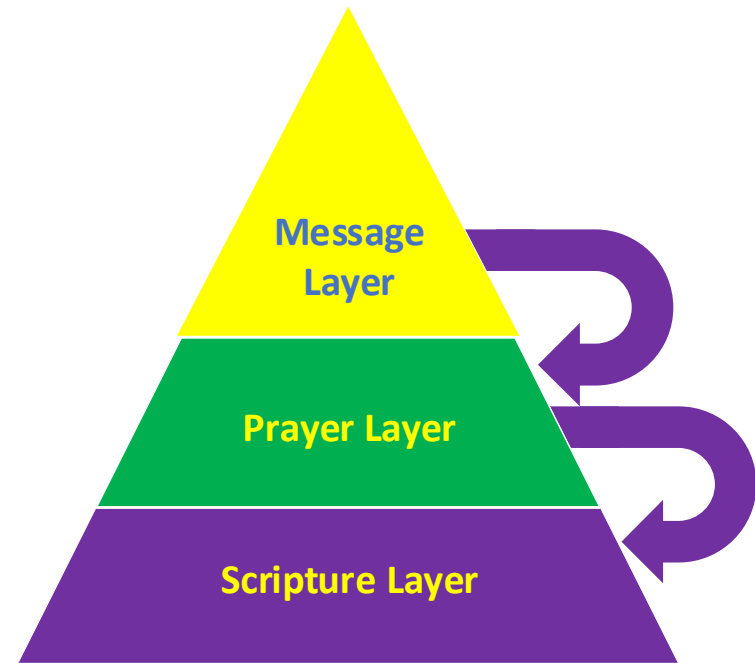
To prepare for a major task in **Luke 4:1**, To recharge after hard work in **Mark 6:30-32**
To work through grief in **Matthew 14:1-13**, Before making a decision in **Luke 6:12-13**
In a time of distress in **Luke 22:39-44**, and just to focus on prayer in **Luke 5:16**



Pyramid Descriptions

Third Layer – Scriptures

During our communion and communications with the Lord, the Spirit will reveal core scriptures to us, or we might even have received the scripture from the Lord in the initial message.

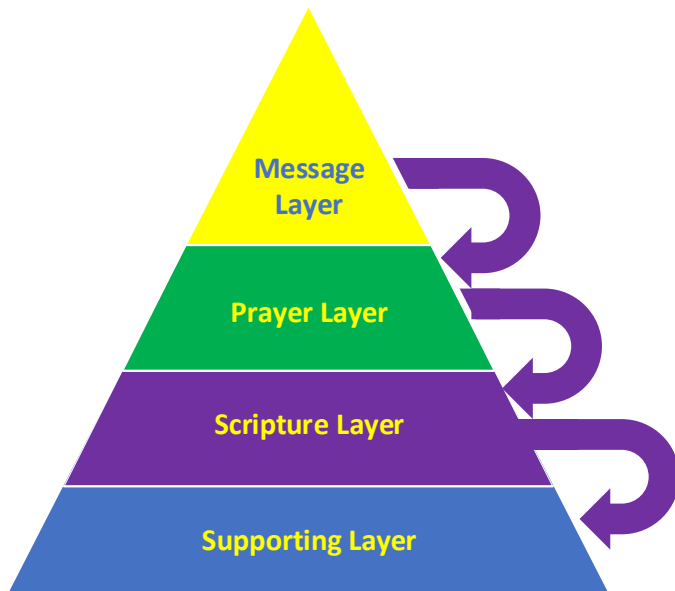


I have never found any circumstance in my life where anything God tried to reach or direct me, that it was not found and confirmed with Scripture. These initial scriptures are what forms the departure and anchor point of God's revelation of His will and Message.



Pyramid Descriptions

Fourth Layer – Supporting Scripture



The Fourth Layer is as it says, the search for Bible Based support for what God is teaching or where He is directing us.

This is critical to ensure we keep our focus on the teachings of Jesus, and not read and accept ideas in isolation.

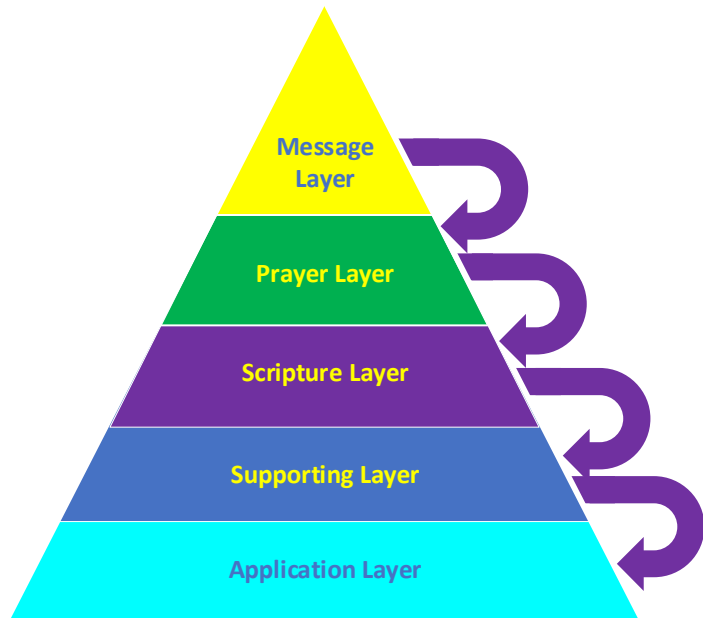
The message that we receive from God will always be relevant and pertinent, and must be supported by scripture, within context and from within the Word.

No text or instruction or vision or word can ever be taken in its entirety without verification and validation from scripture.



Pyramid Descriptions

Foundation Layer – Application



The Final Layer is the layer where we practically apply what God has instructed us to do in the original message.

The validation and security we need to apply, has been done in layers 2-4, now it is time to action.

This is where we bring action to the message, and put into play the plans we have confirmed with God, and do the work.

The Bible says in James 2:26 that Faith without works is dead, which means we have to act.



Pyramid Descriptions

The Processes

1. Pray and Prayer (3 Times)

We must get all guidance in our lives through prayer and constant communication and be open to the Spirit.

2. God's Voice

The Spirit will reveal a thought to you and you will be prompted in the spirit to act on that prompting to action.

3. Clarity Through Prayer

God will reveal and give guidance through dedicated prayer.

4. Scripture

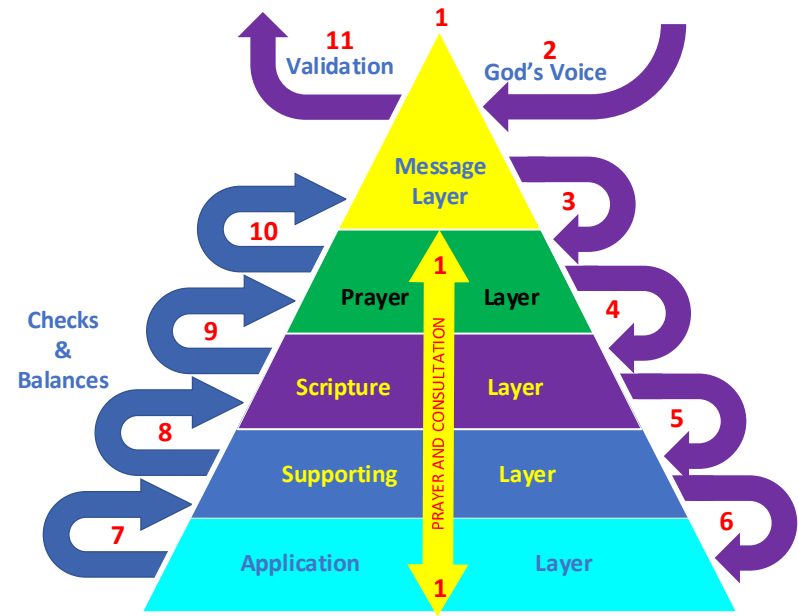
All scriptures must be noted and clarified with God in Prayer.

5. Support in the Word

Everything, including scripture, must be validated and confirmed through other scriptures and within the context of how they are given.

6. Application

Here we apply what God has constantly confirmed through His word, and bring it to fruition in our lives.



7-10. Checks and Balances

We constantly evaluate our application against our original message, and through constant prayer remain focussed.

11. Validate with God

We also have to in constant prayer, validate our views, the message and our actions against the message we received.



Pyramid Descriptions

Template for Bible Study

BIBLE STUDY FRAMEWORK

| INITIAL CONCEPT AND MESSAGE FROM GOD | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--|-------|--|
| DATE: | | TIME: | |
| DETAILS OF MESSAGE: | | | |
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| INITIAL SCRIPTURES AND MESSAGES | | | |
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| SUPPORT SCRIPTURES AND CONFIRMATIONS | | | |
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| PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS AND STRATEGIES | | | |
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| ACCOUNTABILITY AND PRAYER SUPPORT | | | |
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| STRATEGY CHANGES AND NEXT STEPS TO START THE PROCESS OVER | | | |
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The Framework shown here is a concise breakdown in order to fit on this page as a demonstration, and is the basic structure, and includes some areas that is very important.

Accountability and transparency is critical to remaining true and on target with all moves in Christ.

The last section is also very important, in case that the initial strategy has to change, and the new process must be started over again. This will allow for the entire process to be followed and that all steps can be referred to if and when needed.



Conclusion

The importance of Bible Study in the lives of all Christians cannot be over-emphasised, and the importance of knowing God's Word is scriptural:

Proverbs 7:2-3 says: "Keep my commands and you'll live. Guard my teaching as you do your eyesight. Strap them to your fingers, and engrave them on the tablet of your heart."

Even Jesus, when tempted in the desert, quoted the Word when he on a number of occasions said to the devil that *"It is written"* (Matthew 4:4-10).

This is a framework that can be modified and used, or not, as you are led by the Spirit in your daily walk with God.

May this be a blessing to you in your walk with God





Questions

*For God so loved the world, that he
gave his only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in him should
not perish, but have everlasting life.
john 3:16*

Everlasting Life

Thank You

Proverbs 18:15

The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out

Proverbs 2:1-2

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding—

Matthew 13:54

He came to His hometown and began teaching them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?"

James 1:5

But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.





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Mark 12:17 - And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

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