Week Three Discussion Board Thread

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 Different chapters of “Everyday Bible Study” help in understanding the meaning and message of the Bible. Chapter 11 is about developing a ***Bible study toolbox*** (Gutierrez, Hulshof, & Cartwright, 2016). A simple toolbox to study the Bible consists of ***the faithful*** translation of Scripture, two or three different scripture translations takes notes as you read, consult other translations, ***Bible Atlas,*** a notebook Bible in addition to one-volume commentary. Thus, as a Bible student, this toolbox will assist in understanding the Scriptures. Further, “Everyday Bible Study”, teaches how to reply to the ***Holy Spirit*** (Gutierrez et al., 2016)*.* A student can also learn the use of ***multiple translation*s** of the Bible to grow in his ***faith****.* The key skill for this purpose can be observation. Christians lack the ***observation*** in Bible study as they do not have a close acquaintance with the Bible. However, observations can be improved through translation analysis that helps in identifying the significant information in a passage. ***Commentaries*** also have a noteworthy value as these encourage daily ***devotional understanding***of the Bible. Moreover, Bible study should be started with prayer and inviting the Holy Spirit. One should confess and repent on any known sin as ***sins*** deter our understanding of ***God’s message***. Call to Holy Spirit will illuminate Bible message in our heart and mind. A student must understand the three roles that the Holy Spirit should play concerning the Bible.***Inspiration*** helps in understanding the God message. ***Illumination*** allows believers to grip God’s message. In addition, ***sanctification****,* convert believers and they repent of their sins so they can be forgiven. There are two important practical applications related to the illuminating ministry of the Holy Spirit. First, as ***believers***, we must acknowledge that it is the Holy Spirit who teaches us his Word (Gutierrez et al., 2016). We should not approach the Bible arrogantly, as if the act of spiritual understanding comes through self-effort.

References

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