

GLEANINGS

GOD'S TREASURE HUNT

The fifth suggestion we offer which will enable you to glean the truth from your Bible is to always read the verses that precede the scripture being studied and the verses that follow the scripture being studied. Get into the habit of seeing the Bible as a book which usually contains several verses forming a unit of instruction rather than a book containing a single verse with instructions. Understand, also, the unit of instruction may be spread over one or more chapters with parenthetical verses separating them. The parenthetical verses may add information and instructions but they are not the main subjects. There will be times in your study when you will need to give the utmost attention to the chapters you are reading in order to determine the main unit of instruction because they will contain so many parenthetical verses. There will even be times the writer seems to go off on another unrelated subject before coming back and discussing the main theme. We should, therefore, search the scriptures as if we are on a treasure hunt rather than just reading them as we would read a story.

"15. Use all care to present thyself to God as a man approved, a worker that cannot be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15 Confraternity–Douay Version (Saint Joseph New Catholic Edition)

"14But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2nd Timothy 3:14-17 New International Version

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