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How to make the Bible your 'hobby'. Part 6 - Helpful Resources | Malcolm Cox | Quiet Time Coaching Episode 560

Introduction

In this series, we are exploring how approaching our Bible study as a hobby can make all the difference. Today, we dive into the treasury of Bible study resources. We have been touching on these all the way through this series, and we will do so in future episodes, but I want to talk about some specific Bible study aids that have helped me over the years.

Bible Software

Have you come across Bible study apps like <u>YouVersion</u> or <u>Logos Bible Software</u>? My favourite is <u>Accordance</u>, which I have used for almost 20 years. Perhaps you feel that "All I need is the Bible and Holy Spirit" to study well. Of course, on one level, you are correct. However, you are missing out. Multitudes of scholars have spent countless hours studying deep and intricate aspects of Scripture and its context that you and I will never have a chance to investigate. In good Bible software, this expertise is brought to our fingertips just when we need it.

In the screenshot below, you can see my Accordance Bible software set up for when I'm doing the Bible study. It might look a bit complicated and overwhelming, and you don't have to imitate this. Still, I love having multiple translations, commentaries, my own notes and other links to further resources like dictionaries, atlases and timelines, which I can use to illuminate and inspire my personal Bible study.

With an app like this you can see a transliteration of the Hebrew or the Greek. If you're interested in the topic, you can find every verse references a particular word or phrase.

Recently I was in:

Psalm 91.11

"For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."

I wanted to understand more about angels. With the two quick clicks of the mouse I was able to

bring up all 323 verses in the Bible that mention angels. Two more mouse clicks and I had a Bible dictionary article to read on the topic.

Add-on modules will give you insights into the church history, teachings of the early church fathers, detailed articles on biblical topics like covenant, law, grace and the Spirit, and so much more. Additionally, most modern decent Bible apps can be used on a mobile device or on a laptop or desktop, so you can indulge your Bible study hobby even while on the move.

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| and admonish one another in an wisdom, and | "Over all these virtues may convey the idea of | STUDY BIBLES | same letters Paul only speaks of | | | | |
| with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, | 'on top of all the other "articles of clothing"" | | the grace of the Lord Jesus | × NKJVS | | | |
| . 15 | (C. F. D. Moule)." IVP-NB Commentary | | Christ. This fact leads one to | ΛA -Ξ- | • My brothers! | 35 For whoever does the will of | |
| and spiritual songs to God. ^b 17 And whatever | It is love that leads to perfection in the community, not practicing the graces with | Life Application | conclude that for Paul Christ has | | | | |
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Question

Do you have a bible app? If so, do you use it? And do you use it regularly? When we have a hobby, we look for resources to enhance our enjoyment of that hobby. The same thing applies to Bible software.

Suggestions

If you don't have a Bible app at the moment, consider trialling one of them. For example, you can download Accordance and use it free for 90 days.

Conclusion

Next week, I will offer some further inspiration to help you make the Bible your hobby.

Please add your comments on this week's topic. We learn best when we learn in community.

Do you have a question about teaching the Bible? Is it theological, technical, or practical? Please send me your questions or suggestions. Here's the email: <u>malcolm@malcolmcox.org</u>.

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