

# Classical Elements

Earth Wind Fire Water Aether (Space)

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# Spiritual Disciplines

# *Inward* Meditation Prayer Fasting Study

# Spiritual Disciplines

# *Outward* Simplicity

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Solitude Submission Service

# Spiritual Disciplines

*Corporate* Confession Worship Guidance Celebration

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# Classical • Spiritual

Earth = Bible Study Symbolizing the foundation of a Christ-centered life, providing us stability and grounding in our faith.

### Top 7 Benefits of Bible Study

It will give you strength & courage (Joshua 1:7-9) It will bless you with a productive life (Psalm 1:1-3) It will help you discover & desire to do God's will (Psalm 40:6-8) It will help you avoid sin (Psalm 119:11) It will lead you to make good choices (Psalm 119:105) It will teach & train you in righteousness (II Timothy 3:16) It will help you mature in the practice of faith (I Peter 2:2)

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## How to Study the Bible

# **Read It** Privately Daily Prayerfully

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# *Consider It* With Friends In Groups At Church

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### Memorize It



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## Types of Bible Study

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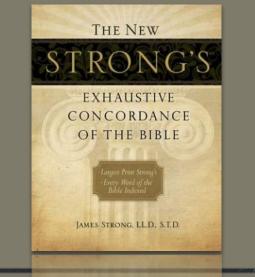
Exegetical Commentary

New Testament

# *Expositional* Study individual books of the Bible, verse by verse.

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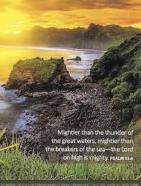
# **Topical** Study varying topics of personal or group interest.



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# *Devotional* Read & reflect daily for inspiration and encouragement.



**Our Daily Bread** 

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# *Observation* Pray Read Reflect

Inductive Method of Bible Study

#### Interpretation

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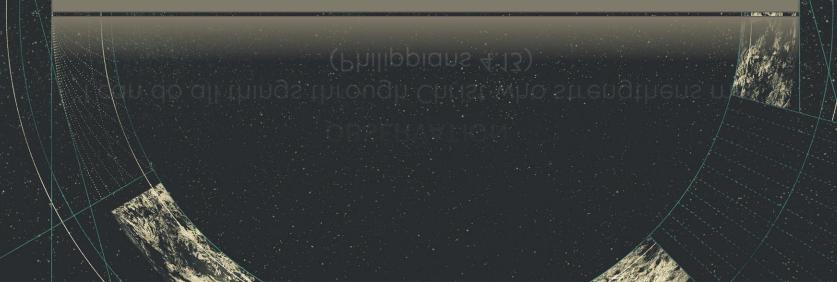
#### Application

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#### **OBSERVATION**

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#### **OBSERVATION**

"Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord this way, dear friends." (Philippians 4:1)

**Ask:** What way? **Note**: Therefore is a transition word... Go back to 3:20, 21

#### **OBSERVATION**

"But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body." (Philippians 3:20, 21)

#### **OBSERVATION**

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again... Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:4-7)

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#### **OBSERVATION**

"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want." (Philippians 4:11, 12)

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#### INTERPRETATION: QUESTIONS TO ASK

Wouldn't I be anxious in jail? Why is Paul telling them to rejoice and be thankful? How is it that Paul is at peace? What is his secret for being content?

A: His hope and strength comes from trusting Christ.

#### APPLICATION

In times of trial, stress, burden, I can:
1. Rejoice in my salvation (3:20, 21)
2. Experience peace through prayer (4:6, 7)
3. Learn to be content in Christ (4:11, 12)
3. Find strength by trusting God (4:13)

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