

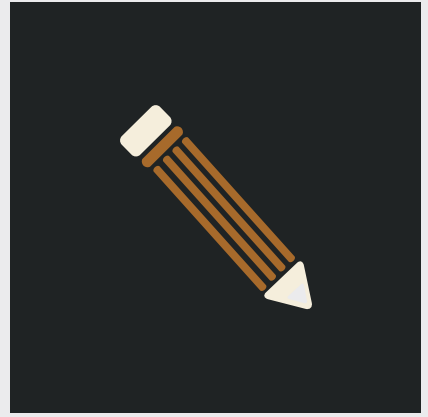
GET MORE FROM WHAT YOU READ.

5 tactics to help you slow down and get a better grasp on what you're reading in the Bible.

Get a pen and paper - or your phone - and try one of these ideas to make what you read stick.

DRAW IT

The Bible is full of word-pictures, metaphors and vivid descriptions. As you read, draw a picture of what's being described; like the metaphors for wisdom in Proverbs 3-8, the vineyard of Isaiah 5, the building of 1 Peter 2 or the contrasting pictures of the blessed and wicked in Psalm 1.

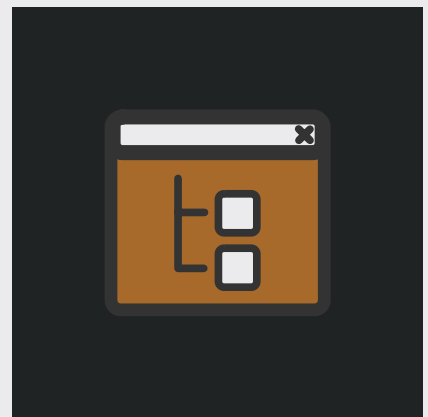


MAKE LISTS

As you read pay attention to repetitions, groups and things that belong together. Make a list and reflect on it whenever you see one; like the list of gifts of Romans 12:6-8, the thoughts of Philippians 4:8-9 or the tribes and blessings of Genesis 49.

DIAGRAM A SENTENCE

Rewrite sentences (especially long or complicated ones) in a mechanical layout (Google that if you don't know what it is!). You will see new relationships between clauses, words and qualifiers. Major insights come from this! This is my favorite tactic and worth the time to learn it.



KEY WORD PRAYER

Decide upon the **one** key word from a paragraph or chapter of scripture that you are reading. Based on how its used in that context, write out unique prayers for at least five people or things in your life.

PUT IT IN YOUR OWN WORDS

Take a paragraph (no more or less) and rewrite it in your own words. This tactic forces understanding of the story, argument or logic and pushes our questions to the surface.

