



How to do ABC Bible Study

You can use the charts on the following pages or your own paper to record your ABC study.

A- A title

jot down two or three titles that come to mind as you study, then select the best one or make a composite of them. The title should give the summary of the chapter in the form of a heading.

B- Basic Passage

Choose the verse or group of verses (no more than three) which includes the central meaning or is the key to the contents of the passage. This passage should connect with the title.

C- Challenge

As you study the passage ask God to challenge your heart in a personal way from a particular portion of the chapter. As God reveals this to you write out in your own words the corresponding verse(s) from which you are taking your challenge. Then write out how the challenge applies to you and state what you plan to do about it. Make your applications specific (What exactly do I need to do?), measurable (How will I know when I have applied this to my life?), and attainable (Can I finish it this week?).

Examples: Bad: I need to be more loving.

 Good: I will show love to my roommate by making his/her bed all week.

Types of Application:

S- Is there a sin I need to avoid, confess or make right?

P- Is there a promise God makes in this passage that I can ask Him to do for me?

E- What examples are there to follow? Not to follow? Why?

C- Are there any commands I need to obey?

K- Is there any knowledge I received about God or found out I need to research?

D- Difficulties

Write down the number of the verse or verses that raise any questions in your mind as you study the passage. Then write out what specific question(s) you have about the verse. If time permits research the answer(s) to some of these questions.

E- Essence

Write out a summary or brief condensation of the passage. Summarize all parts of the passage equally not giving too much space to one part. One way to do this is to write one sentence in a rough draft for each successive thought in the passage, using your own words instead of the words of the text. Then condense your summary into fewer words, combining your sentences and making them shorter. You should average two to eight words per verse.

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Date: _____

Study Passage: _____

A A Title _____

B Basic Passage _____

C Challenge _____

Verse of the Challenge: _____

Truth of the Challenge: _____

Personal Application of the Challenge: _____

D Difficulties:

Verse:	Difficulties:

E Essence: (summary) _____
