

The Importance of the Topical Study

The Topical Method is important for the following reasons:

1. It enables us to study the Word of God systematically, logically, and in an orderly manner.
2. It gives a proper perspective and balance regarding biblical truth. We get to see the whole of biblical teaching.
3. It allows us to study subjects that are of particular interest to us.
4. It enables us to study the great doctrines of the Bible.
5. It lends itself to good and lively discussions. The results of a topical study are always easy to share with others.
6. It allows us variety in our lifetime commitment to personal Bible study. The number of topics in the Bible that we can study is almost limitless.

Simple Steps on doing a Topical Study

Essentially, a topical study is built around six steps, each of which can be summarized with one word:

Step One - Compile a list of words

Step Two - Collect Bible References

Step Three - Consider each verse individually

Step Four - Compare and Group the references

Step Five - Condense your study into an Outline

Step Six - Conclude your study

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TOPIC: The Faithful Man (2 Timothy 2:2)

1. COMPILE A LIST OF WORDS:

Faithful

2. COLLECT BIBLE REFERENCES:

I Samuel 2:35
 1 Samuel 22:14
 Nehemiah 7:2
 Nehemiah 13:13
 Isaiah 8:2
 Daniel 6:4
 Psalm 12:1
 Proverbs 20:6
 Proverbs 28:20
 Matthew 24:45
 Luke 16:10-13
 Luke 19:17
 I Corinthians 1:9
 I Corinthians 4:1-2, 16-17
 I Corinthians 10:13
 Ephesians 6:21
 Colossians 1:7
 Colossians 4:7, 9
 1 Timothy 1:12
 2 Timothy 2:2
 I Peter 5:12
 I John 1:9

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Comparison Chart Steps 3 & 4

Reference	Cross-References	Observations and Insights
Number 12:7		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moses was called faithful by God.
I Samuel 2:35		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was prophesied that Samuel would be a faithful man. • A faithful man is obedient to God's will.
I Samuel 22:14		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David was called a faithful man by Ahimelech.

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Jeremiah 7:2	Matthew 24:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanani was called a faithful man by Nehemiah. • A faithful man is given leadership roles.
Neh. 9:7-8		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abraham was considered faithful by the Lord.
Nehemiah 13:13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nehemiah considered his treasurers faithful, so he gave them responsibility.
Isaiah 8:2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uriah and Zechariah were faithful witnesses in the sight of the Lord.
Daniel 6:4	John 19:4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Persian princes could not accuse Daniel of any wrongdoing, because he was a faithful man. • A faithful man lives a blameless testimony before the Lord.
Psalms 12:1	Pro 20:6; 2:19-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faithful people are few in number and hard to find.
Proverbs 20:6	Phillipians 2:19-22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are not many faithful people in the world. • A faithful man cares about the interests of others, while an unfaithful man is always bragging about himself and serving himself.
Proverbs 28:20		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A faithful man abounds with blessing. • A faithful man has his values right, in contrast with someone who is eager to get rich.
Matthew 24:45	Nehemiah 7:2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A faithful man is given leadership roles.
Matthew 25:21, 23	Luke 19:17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A faithful servant will be rewarded with greater responsibilities in heaven and will experience the Lord's joy over his faithfulness.
Luke 16: 10-13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This passage shows four ways to test a person's faithfulness: (1) Test him in small things before giving him big things. (2) Test him in non-spiritual matters before giving him spiritual truth. (3) Test him in how he values what isn't his. (4) Test his commitment to God.
Luke 19:17	Matt. 25: 21, 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A faithful servant is rewarded with greater responsibility.
1 Cor. 1:9	1 Cor. 10:13; 1 John 1:9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God is faithful.

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1 Corinthians 4:1-2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A faithful man demonstrates wise stewardship
1 Corinthians 4:16-17	Ephesians 6:21 Colossians 1:7 Colossians 4:7, 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timothy was called a faithful man by Paul. A faithful man's discipler shows confidence in him by sending him in his place.
1 Corinthians 10:13	1 Corinthians 1:9 1 John 1:9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God is faithful.
Ephesians 6:21	Colossians 4:7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tychicus was called a faithful minister by Paul.
Colossians 1:7		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Epaphras was faithful minister of Jesus Christ.
Colossians 4:7	Ephesians 6:21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tychicus was sent by Paul to the Colossians because he was a reliable, faithful man.
Colossians 4:9		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Onesimus was considered faithful by Paul.
1 Timothy 1:12		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God considered Paul faithful. A faithful man will be given a ministry.
2 Timothy 2:2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A faithful man is entrusted with spiritual truth. A faithful man passes on to others what he has learned.
1 Peter 5:12		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Silas was called faithful by Peter.