

## **A BASIC BIBLE STUDY LIBRARY**

- A study Bible
- Two recent Bible versions
- An exhaustive concordance
- A Bible dictionary
- A topical reference
- A Bible handbook
- A one or two volume commentary
- The Bible on CD

## **A MORE ADVANCED BIBLE STUDY LIBRARY** (in addition to the above)

- Additional Bible versions and translations
- Another study Bible
- A Bible encyclopedia
- A theological word book of Bible
- Individual commentaries on Bible books
- A Bible atlas
- Old and Testament textbooks used in colleges and universities (“surveys”)
- Other books of interest to you such as:
  - History of Old and New Testament times
  - Character studies of Bible people
  - Jesus’ parables
  - Paul’s teachings
- Other Bible study software

**This is a LOT of books!** But think of them as long-term investments in your spiritual life. Many books you buy and read only once, then put on a shelf to gather dust. But these books will be reference books, used time and again as you study your Bible. They will give you a lifetime of enjoyment. If you are serious about Bible study either for your own personal life or to prepare for teaching a Sunday School class, you will want to acquire these tools regardless of the cost.

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