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**Step 10: Do word studies based on your observations and Key Words.**

*Hard Copy Resources for word studies:*

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance by James Strong

The Complete Word Study Dictionary Old Testament by Baker & Carpenter

The Complete Word Study Dictionary New Testament by Zodhiates

*Computer Software Resources:*

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/> (Free)

<https://www.wordsearchbible.com/apps/wordsearch-starter> (Free)

*From the App store:* My favorite app

Blue Letter Bible (Free)

Use any of these tools to determine the 'Strong's number' of a particular word. Then use that number to look up the definition of the word in the original Hebrew or Greek language.

Let's look up a word or two from Colossians 3

**Ladies Advance 2018**

**Finding Hope Through Personal Inductive Bible Study**

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Who am I?: I am a 54 year old pastor's daughter who married a mission bound preacher boy from Baptist Bible College 30 years ago. God placed our family in Cape Town, South Africa for 15+ years to start a church and train South Africans to serve God and train others as well. In 2010 God brought our family back to the states. We are presently starting our 6th year at Calvary Baptist Church in Preble, New York. God blessed my husband Tim and I with three children, the oldest Josh, is married and serves as the youth pastor at Faith Baptist Cortland. He and his wife Katy have one son, Josiah and another baby due in March. Our daughter Rachel lives in Cleveland, and our son Micah is in his first year at Clarks Summit University in PA. I am also currently teaching at Cortland Christian Academy.

While serving in South Africa both my husband and I took the Precept upon Precept Leader Training Course where we learned the Inductive Method of Bible Study and how to teach it to others. Studying God's Word with an inductive method has greatly deepened my understanding of the Bible. That's what this workshop is about today, so lets get started!

**Inductive Bible Study**

**Step 1: Pray!** Ask God to help you focus and have a clear understanding of His Word as He uses the Holy Spirit to teach you as you study.

**Step 2: Read and reread the passage.** We're going to work on Colossians 3:12-17

**Step 3: Consider the type of literature, the context, and to whom it was written.**

Types of literature include: Historical—Genesis, Exodus, 1&2 Samuel, Acts; Biographical—Luke; Poetic—Psalms; Proverbial—Proverbs, James; Prophetic—Isaiah, Revelation; Didactic—Romans (teaching); & Epistles—Galatians, Philippians; or a book could be a combination of these genres.

Colossians is an epistle, a letter from Paul to the church that he started in Colosse. So as we read it we should keep in mind the original text was written to inform or teach the believers as a Pastor, mentor, and spiritual parent would communicate with a beloved student.

Main source for the workshop information: [How to Study Your Bible](#) by Kay Arthur  
The study methods covered today are only a portion of the full inductive method.

**Step 4: Interrogate the Text. Ask questions: The 5 W's & H** (Not all ?'s may be answered.)

Who:

What:

Where:

When:

Why:

How:

**Step 5: Mark Key Words in a distinct way.**

Let's choose some words that are important, repeated, or need explanation.

Tip: Make a list of the words and the way you want to mark them on a 4x6 card.

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**Step 6: Make Lists recording observations about the key words.**

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**Step 7: Make lists of lists that are found in the passage:** List of commands, List of characteristics, List of sins, List of any type of parallel ideas. List them on paper or number them right in the text.

**Step 8: Take note of contrasts and comparisons:** 'If .... Then.....;' and 'But;' are some important phrases to examine. Even taking note of the word 'All' gives insight.

**Step 9: Also note other important words and phrases:**

Elements of time

Words that draw to a conclusion

Geographical references

Colossians 3

1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, 11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

**12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies,**

**kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and**

**forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as**

**Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 But above all these things put on**

**love, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your**

**hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the**

**word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one**

**another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your**

**hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the**

**name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.**

18 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord .

21 Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

22 Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. 23 And whatever you do,

do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. 25 But he who does

wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.