

# PROAPT

This is a commonly used tool to help you study the Bible. Instead of just reading a passage, and fishing for something to speak to you, these steps will help you think about the passage more holistically and in context. Use this as a worksheet to fill out as you go. Eventually, you will no longer need to follow such a strict guide because the steps will come more naturally.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Passage \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Pray** (Pray...Preview the text "*Here I am Lord; come by your Spirit and teach me; I trust that you will speak.*")
2. **Read** (Read the text you will study 1-3 times... slowly)
3. **Observe** (What it says—copy down the verse(s) you feel God is speaking to you by either: affirming you, convicting you, and saying something you don't understand. Also ask—What is it saying about God? What is it saying about me? Who? How? Why?)

**Interpret** the above material by:

- a. what did it mean to "them, then", the original recipients
- b. Paraphrasing it
- c. Listing comparisons and contrasts
- d. List all warnings, advice, and promises
- e. note any "if, then" statements

*Now stop and spend some time in quiet reflection*

4. **Apply** (What does it mean to "us, now")
  - a. What truth should I believe?
  - b. What am I to do... and how will it affect my actions, attitudes, relationship with God or others?
  - c. How can I do something about this in the next 48 hours?

(See How to Apply the Bible)

5. **Pray** (See How to Pray)

6. **Tell** What: \_\_\_\_\_

To Whom: \_\_\_\_\_

When: \_\_\_\_\_