

Materials Needed for a Basic Library

INTRODUCTION:

- A. It is a known fact that tools are essential to work.
 - 1. No carpenter can build without tools.
 - 2. No mechanic can repair a car or truck without tools.
 - 3. No farmer can farm without tools.
- B. The effective Bible School teacher will have a tool box and some tools.
 - 1. The tool box is their library.
 - 2. The tools are their books and resources.
- C. In a day of increasing use of computers, an ever increasing number and variety of software is being developed for preachers and Bible class teachers.
- D. Thus, it is easier today for every teacher to have some type of library . . . even if a small one.

SUGGESTED MATERIALS FOR A BASIC LIBRARY

A. Bibles

- § A good copy of the one you will be using to study and teach from.
- § A translation that is accurate . . . true to the Word.
- § A copy that has excellent study helps.
- § A copy that has print large enough to encourage reading rather than discourage it.
- § A copy that can conveniently carried with you and handled in your teaching.
- § Various translations for comparison in lesson preparation.
- § A Bible well marked is easier studied in the future.

B. A good concordance.

- § Cruden's Complete Concordance
- § Strong's Exhaustive Concordance
- § Young's Analytical Concordance
- § Bible software programs have concordances as well.

C. Commentaries

- § Gospel Advocate Commentaries – Covers the New Testament
- § Barnes Notes – Covers the Whole Bible
- § Adam Clarke's Commentaries – Covers the whole Bible
- § Matthew Henry's Commentaries - Covers the whole Bible
- § Burton Coffman Commentaries – Covers the whole Bible

D. Bible Dictionaries

- § Smith's New Bible Dictionary
- § Zondervan's Pictorial Bible Dictionary
- § Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary

E. Bible Atlas or good set of Bible Maps

- § The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Atlas

F. Bible Handbook

- § Halley's Bible Handbook – Prefer the larger sized print one.
- § Eerdmans' Bible Handbook
- § The Illustrated Handbook - by Edward P. Blair

G. Topical Bible

- § Nave's New Topical Bible

H. Language Helps

- Vines Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words

I. Lectureship Books

J. General Books

- § Books relative to the age and /or grades you teach Example: Bible story books for teachers of younger ages.
- § Church Library can be an invaluable source. May you need an education library as well.
- § A Harmony of the Gospels – by Stevens & Burton
- § The Bible as History – by Werner Van Keller
- § Questions & Answers – by Guy N. Woods (2 Volumes)
- § Personal choices based upon the age group and subject matters you are teaching.

K. Bible Software

- § Bible Soft