

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
- Truth for Today Commentary Series – Resource Publications

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**

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