

## **MTC: "EFFECTIVE BIBLE STUDY" STUDY GUIDE**

### Lesson 13: Bible Study is a Joy

1. Many give up on Bible study because of sin and/or guilt.
2. Why? Because we don't like to be rebuked, and the Bible points out our sin.
3. Why do we need to trust in God's Word to guide our feelings of guilt? It is possible to feel guilty when we are not guilty, and not feel guilty when we are guilty. God's Word gives us the only standard we can trust.
4. External distractions all around us work to keep us from spending time in Bible study.
5. Why? Satan, the god of this world, shifts our focus from God to temporary, worldly interests.
6. Confessing sin to God in order to restore fellowship with Him takes humility.
7. The Holy Spirit works through us, not for us, in helping to live obediently to God.
8. Godliness in this life is a worthwhile goal, but it takes self-discipline.
9. As we spend time in God's Word, it begins to direct our thoughts, motives and actions.
10. What is the benefit from God's Word that we can never get from this present world? Why? Peace of mind. A world filled with uncertainty and pain that is ruled by Satan can never give the peace.
11. What lesson does Paul impart in Philippians 4:10-13? That God will give strength to serve Him, even when we are suffering and enduring hardships.