The Bible Marking Honor is a component of the Witnessing Master Award.
“But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

2 Timothy 3:14-17
Why study the Bible?

- Psalm 119:9-11
- 2 Timothy 3:16,17
- Proverbs 3:1-2
- 1 Peter 5:6-7
- 2 Timothy 1:7
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- John 1:1
THE GOSPEL ACCORDING
TO
MARK

...of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

...And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw...
Exercise #1

First of all before we get started you need to think of a topic or subject you’d like to share with someone in a bible study. Write that down on a piece of paper.

Next you need to write down a topic or subject you’d like to study personally.
“Chain Referencing”
Frank Charles Thompson

The technology in question is the chain-linking referencing system invented by Frank Charles Thompson and implemented in his Thompson Chain Reference Bible, first published in 1908.
ADVANTAGES

1. You can give a quick Bible study "on the spot."
2. It’s a good way to become familiar with the Bible.
3. It's an effective way to become familiar with a topic.
4. You can buy preprinted sheets of stickers for the references on certain topics

DISADVANTAGES

1. You cannot change the order of study.
2. If you lose your place, you have to start over from the beginning.
3. Sometimes the pre-printed stickers can fall out.
Chain Reference

Bible Marking

**Thompson Chain-Reference Bible**

**Uniquely Known and Trusted Since 1908**

**Complete—A Known and Trusted Library in One Volume**

**Easy to Use—All Topics and other Helps are numbered for easy reference**

**Alphabetical Index**
**Numerical Index of Chain Topics**
**Bible Readings**
**Outline Studies of the Bible**
**Character Studies**
**History and Illustrative Studies**
**Revised Concordance**
**Full Color Bible Maps**

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**Directions for Chain Referencing:**
- Use the Chain Code at the right of each verse in your Bible.
- Choose a chain topic (alphabet, fact, template).
- Note Bible topic on a blank page in the back of your Bible.
- Place a chain topic (alphabet, fact, template) on a blank page in the back of your Bible.
- Place a blank page in the front of your Bible.

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**#1 - Bible**
- B2 - Heb 4:12
- B3 - Rom 11:9
- B4 - 2 Tim 3:15
- B5 - Phil 3:1

**#2 - God**
- G2 - Dan 3:2
- G3 - Jn 1:1-3
- G4 - Jn 3:5

**#3 - Creation**
- C3 - Ps 1:1-2
- C4 - Ps 1:3-4
- C5 - Ps 1:5-6
- C6 - Ps 1:7-8

**#4 - Jesus**
- J4 - Matt 1:1-3
- J5 - Matt 1:10-11
- J6 - Matt 1:17-18
- J7 - Matt 1:18-19

**#5 - Salvation**
- S5 - John 3:3
- S6 - John 3:5
- S7 - John 3:6
- S8 - John 3:7

**#9 - Baptism**
- B9 - Acts 2:38
- B9 - Acts 2:39
- B9 - Acts 2:40
- B9 - Acts 2:41

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**#10 - God’s Law**
- G10 - Proverbs 10:1
- G10 - Proverbs 10:2
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**#11 - Death**
- D11 - Acts 8:15
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**#21 - Heaven**
- H21 - Matt 20:14
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**#26 - Holy Spirit**
- H26 - Act 1:14
- H26 - Act 1:15
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**#27 - Judgment**
- J27 - Matt 20:12
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**#35 - Second Coming**
- G35 - Matt 25:13
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**#12 - Angels**
- A12 - Rev 5:11-12
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**#17 - Sanctuary**
- S17 - Heb 9:1
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- Faith 1:2 - Heb 11:1-2
- Faith 1:3 - Heb 11:3-4
- Faith 1:4 - Heb 11:5-6
- Faith 1:5 - Heb 11:7-8

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**Fear**
- Fear 1:2 - 2 Tim 1:7-8
- Fear 1:3 - 2 Tim 1:9-10
- Fear 1:4 - 2 Tim 1:11-12
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**Temptation**
- Temptation 1:1-2 - Jas 1:2-3
- Temptation 1:3-4 - Jas 1:4-5
- Temptation 1:5-6 - Jas 1:6-7


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"Chain Reference" Bible Marking
“Color Coding”
The Bible color coding system is another way to dissect passages of Scripture.
HOW TO USE Color Coding TO ENHANCE YOUR Bible Study TIME

arabahjoy.com
Tip #2: Pick a place in your home where you can **FOCUS**.

- Is it a place of peace?  
- Is it clean and orderly?  
- Is the décor or entertainment around you appropriate?  
- Is it a worthy space to invite the Spirit to?  
- Is it visible so others in your home can be influenced by your example?

**Marking Idea:** Find your favorite marking tools

- **Archival pens** (they don’t yellow over time)
- **Ball point pens** (they don’t bleed through the pages and come in tons of colors)
- **Water color pencils** (they color soft and smooth)
Color Coding https://youtu.be/JZkj4c_T-Gw

ADVANTAGES

1. Good for ongoing study of the Bible.
2. Colors stand out.

DISADVANTAGES

1. The number of distinct colors will limit the number of topics you can mark.
2. You have to have the right color marker with you when you come across a reference.
3. Too many colors or an overmarked Bible will render the annotations useless.
4. Not good for a sequential study - such as where a prophecy is made and where its fulfillment is recorded.
“Cross Referencing”
WOOOW!

There are 340,000 cross-references between the Old and New Testament.
Cross Referencing  [https://youtu.be/Dk-q3fy0N2k](https://youtu.be/Dk-q3fy0N2k)

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“Jump & Freeze”
Brain Break

https://youtu.be/388Q44ReOWE

It’s time to shake off the “sciffies” and Freeze. Find sister or brother, mom or dad for this great exercise. You can’t do this alone. You’ll need a partner.
1. Where you have found two or more texts speaking about the same subject you can, alongside one of these texts, in the margin, write the reference to those other texts. Then go to those other texts and write the reference of the first text.

2. If it is to do with only a word or a phrase from the text that you wish to support from other texts, then place an "R" alongside that word or phrase.
“Highlighting/Underlining’
Yukio Horie

The first predecessor of a highlighter was invented by a Japanese inventor Yukio Horie of the Tokyo Stationery Company, who developed in 1962 the first felt-tip pen that used water-based ink.
“Highlighting & Underlining” Bible Marking
https://youtu.be/Rvjfx4K8ZCs

- Emphasize just one word or phrase in the section. Just enough to make the thought that you want to stand out.

- This can be done in a number of ways:
  1. A neat line under the word - preferably in a color to suit your total marking system.
  2. Keep a pencil or fine biro - only one color just for underlining.
  3. If you are very neat and careful, a very effective way is to just write over the letters to thicken them a little BUT test the steadiness of your hand and the suitability of the pen on something first.
Highlighting/Underlining

ADVANTAGES

1. Reminds you of important part of the text.
2. It makes that part stand out.

DISADVANTAGES

1. Too much, lessens the clarity of the text.
WORD OF ADVICE

NEVER MARK ANYTHING THAT YOU SAW MARKED IN SOMEONE ELSE’S BIBLE!
“Number Coding”
“Number Reference” Bible Marking

● When you have information about a word or passage that you cannot fit in the margin, highlight - underline or mark in an appropriate way to suit your system of marking.

● Then in the margin, place a number - that number will be the same as a number on a page in the back of your Bible.

● To know what that number should be, look at the last lot of information you put on that page and the number you put with it, the number is the next number. So if your last entry was 5, then this one would be 6.

● Put the reference for your text at the end of your information entry for cross reference.
NUMBER CODING

ADVANTAGES

1. Allows comment or explanation on a thought in greater detail.

2. Helps to keep information about a word or passage from being forgotten.

DISADVANTAGES

1. Has a limited use.
The SDA Bible Concordance is a good tool to use to find texts when studying subjects for Bible marking.
“Subject Coding”
Bible Marking by Subject

1. On a page at the back of your Bible, make lists of texts under a subject heading.

2. Leave plenty of room so you can keep adding extra texts you find as you read the Bible or listen to sermons.

3. Add an extra page if you need to.

4. A mark can be placed alongside the more suitable texts for the topic.
Subject Coding

ADVANTAGES

1. Good personal study.
2. A quick source of references from which to pick for a study.
3. Does not clutter the margin of your Bible.

DISADVANTAGES

1. It needs a reasonable amount of space in the back of your Bible.
List five guidelines you would consider before starting to mark your Bible.

1. Choose a Bible that suits your needs.
2. Choose a method that suits your needs.
3. Choose a marker that will not bleed through the page.
4. Do not overmark your Bible.
5. Do not use too many colors.
6. Plan before you start, and have a definite aim.
Complete the cross referencing method for the topic “Why Study the Bible” using the verses we just spoke of on your own.

2 Tim. 2:15
2 Tim. 3: 14-17
Psalms 119: 9-11
Prov. 3: 1-2
1 Peter 5: 6-7
2 Tim 1: 7
2 Cor. 5:17
John 1:1
2 Tim. 2:15
A. What method would you follow for giving a Bible study? Why?

(These are good methods for sharing the Bible with someone)

B. Mark your Bible for two topics/subjects using this method.

(These are good methods for personal Bible study)