

Money, Devotion,
and Freedom from
Fear

READING THE BIBLE

LIKE IT MATTERS

The OCEAN Method

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OBSERVE

What does it say?

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CONTEXT

What surrounds it?

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EXEGETE

What does it mean?

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ANSWER

What is the gospel?

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NAVIGATE

How do I live?



OBSERVE

What does it say?

5 MARKING TECHNIQUES

- **Read three times** – big picture → details → connections.
- **Circle repeated words** – if the author repeats it, it matters.
- **Underline connecting words** – *therefore, but, because, for, so that.*
- **Box verbs and commands** – action and instruction.
- **Write your questions** – confusion is the beginning of understanding.

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MATTHEW 6:19-34

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Look for: repeated themes, climax, summary statement.

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HELPFUL (CHALLENGING) TOOL