Eph 4:11-12

11 And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

Title

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

(Amplified Bible) 2Ti 2:15 ...correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [*rightly handling and skillfully teaching*] the Word of Truth.

John 8:31-32

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

John 16:12-15

12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now.

13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

Mar 16:20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them* and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

Keys to doing a Word Study

1. Be a Student of the Word

Write things down (during teaching, studies, etc.) Listen to CD's or watch videos of teachers you receive from

www.brooksideclermont.com

2. Have the necessary tools: Pen and paper, or word processor The Bible (of your choice)
E-SWORD is a great tool
Dictionary (such as Webster's to look up words you don't know)
Concordance (pref. Strong's)

Other Helpful tools:

Amplified Bible Vine's Expository Dictionary Young's Analytical Concordance Other Versions of the Bible (NLT, Message, etc)

3. Know how to use a Concordance Example: *"Adoption"*

(Rom 8:15) For^{G1063} ye have not^{G3756} received^{G2983} the spirit^{G4151} of bondage^{G1397} again^{G3825} to^{G1519} fear;^{G5401} but^{G235} ye have received^{G2983} the Spirit^{G4151} of adoption,^{G5206} whereby^{G1722} G³⁷³⁹ we cry,^{G2896} Abba,^{G5} Father.^{G3962}

STRONG'S Concordance

Adoption G5206 $\upsilon io \theta \epsilon \sigma i \alpha$ uihothesia

hwee-oth-es-ee'-ah

From a presumed compound of <u>G5207</u> and a derivative of <u>G5087</u>; the *placing* as a *son*, that is, *adoption* (figuratively Christian *sonship* in respect to God): - adoption (of children, of sons).

VINE'S Expository Dictionary Adoption

huiothesia (G5206), from huios, "a son,"

and thesis, "a placing," akin to tithemi, "to place," signifies the place and condition of a son given to one to whom it does not naturally belong. The word is used by the apostle Paul only. In <u>Rom_8:15</u>, believers are said to have received "the Spirit of adoption," that is, the Holy Spirit who, given as the Firstfruits of all that is to be theirs, produces in them the realization of sonship and the attitude belonging to sons.

In <u>Gal_4:5</u> they are said to receive "the adoption of sons," i.e., sonship bestowed in distinction from a relationship consequent merely upon birth; here two contrasts are presented, (1) between the sonship of the believer and the unoriginated sonship of Christ, (2) between the freedom enjoyed by the believer and bondage, whether of Gentile natural condition, or of Israel under the Law.

In <u>Eph 1:5</u> they are said to have been foreordained unto "adoption as sons" through Jesus Christ, RV; the KJV, "adoption of children" is a mistranslation and misleading. God does not "adopt" believers as children; they are begotten as such by His Holy Spirit through faith. "Adoption" is a term involving the dignity of the relationship of believers as sons; it is not a putting into the family by spiritual birth, but a putting into the position of sons.

In <u>Rom 8:23</u> the "adoption" of the believer is set forth as still future, as it there includes the redemption of the body,

when the living will be changed and those who have fallen asleep will be raised.

In <u>Rom 9:4</u> "adoption" is spoken of as belonging to Israel, in accordance with the statement in <u>Exo 4:12</u>, "Israel is My Son." Cf. <u>Hos 11:1</u>. Israel was brought into a special relation with God, a collective relationship, not enjoyed by other nations, <u>Deu 14:1</u>; Jer 31:9, etc.

4. How to begin and what to study Typically topically example: "*Adoption*" What are your questions? What do you want to know?

5. ASK!

Mat 7:7-8

Ask, and it will be given to you;Seek, and you will find;Knock, and it will be opened to you.

8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

1Jn 5:14-15

14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

6. Be Lead – Listen to your heart

The Lord will put things (topics, specific Scriptures, or places to read in the Word of God) on your heart. Remember, the Holy Spirit guides you into all truth. He may have you look up words in the dictionary, the Amplified Bible, the concordance, etc.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.