HIGHLIGHT YOUR
BIBLE

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Bible study method for the **TRUTH** seekers &

the **HIGHLIGHT** obsessed.

BIBLE STUDY TOOLS

TO HELP YOU GO DEEPER

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JOURNALING BIBLE

Now that I've used a journaling bible, I can't imagine ever going without! The wide margins encourage me to down my takeaways as I read, which helps me to focus and dig intentionally for what God is speaking through the Scriptures. It also helps to compare things He is showing me now, to what He has shown me in the past. And seeing main points in the margin each time I read helps to reinforce them for me. Journalingbibles have become really affordable lately. Christianbook.com has a wide selection of versions and styles, starting at $30.

HIGHLIGHTERS

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When it comes to highlighters, I subscribe to the idea that you can never have too many! Not only do they make the pages more fun and colorful, but I find that I am way more engaged in what I am reading as I look for my next nugget of wisdom to highlight! But as much as I was marking, I had to come up with a system to organize everything by topic! See page 3 for what I came up with! Two of my favorite highlighters for thinner pages like the Bible, are *Mildliner* (pastels) & *Eco Zebrite* (brights). Both are by Zebra and can be found on Amazon.

3

PENS

My pen of choice, for writing directly in my Bible, is the Pigma Micron Pens! The 03 size is my favorite. It's not too thick, not too thin, but just right! If you are picky about pens (like me :)), I'd suggest ordering the variety pack to test out the different thickness, so you can see what feels right. These pens will show through the page a little(I haven't found any that don't show at all!), but they are far better than ball point pens that tend to imprint through the page, which can be even more distracting than the ink! They can also be found on Amazon.

YOU VERSION APP

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While I really love reading from a physical Bible, for highlighting and taking notes, I always keep my phone with me as I read to reference other versions on the You Version App. Some of my favorite translations are NIV, CEV, NLT, & MSG. These use more modern day language, which is helpful when reading text written from so long ago! You will also find reading plans, mini devotionals, tools for highlighting & bookmarking verses, and the ability to connect with others, which is great for accountablity. It's free, so it's a must have tool!

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COMMENTARY

A commentary is an important part of any Bible study! They can give historical/biblical context that we night not get just from reading the passage. I also find that they can either reinforce something I'm understanding or challenge me to take another look at something I may have missed altogether. My current favorite is the *Moody Bible Commentary*, but I've also used the *Matthew Henry Commentary App*, and *BibleHub.com*. One caution: while commentaries can be helpful, try not to rest too heavily on them for your interpretation of Scripture. Use them as supporting evidence for what you read, not a replacement for the Word of God or the Spirit's voice.

COLOR CODE GUIDE

TO KEEP YOU ORGANIZED BY TOPIC

Highlighting through my bible by topic has helped me to stay clear & focused on what I am reading, connect ideas between chapters & books in the Bible, and find encouragement for specific situations exactly when I need it!

Use the guide below to color code your highlights or use as inspriation to create your own guide.on the next page.

MY CALLING **INSTRUCTIONS** **WORK**	**SINGLENESS** **RELATIONSHIPS** **MARRIAGE**	**GENERAL** **MISC**
SIN **TEMPTATION** **FLESH**	**HEAVEN** **ETERNITY**	**HOLY SPIRIT**
FRUITS OF **THE SPIRIT**	**GOD** **GOD'S PEOPLE** **GOD'S LAWS/WAYS** **LOVING GOD**	**WORLDLY** **TEMPORAL**
EVIL **SATAN** **HELL**	**JESUS** **HIS TEACHING**	**TRUTHS** **THE WORD** **PROMISES**

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