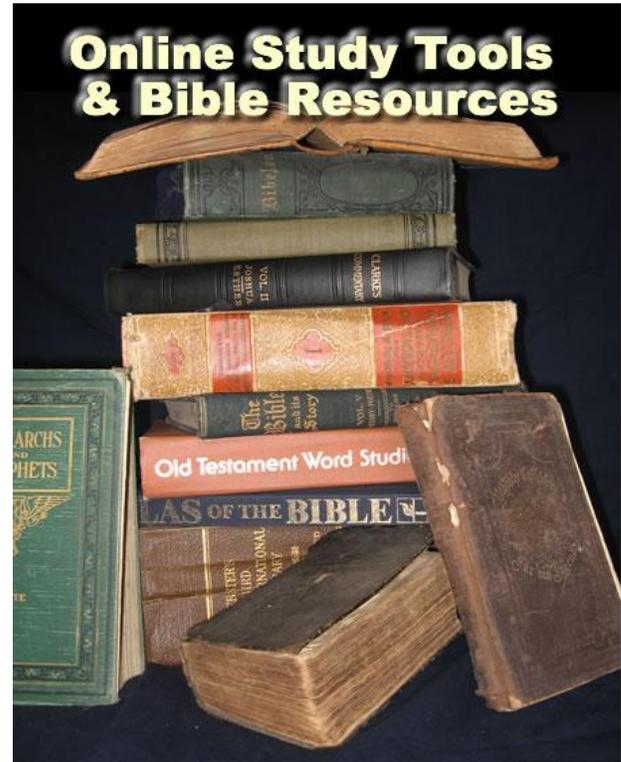


## Equipping Ministers with a Bible Study Tool Belt (draft)

**How would you like to prepare better sermons than ... “\_\_\_”** (insert megalomaniac name here.)

Humor aside, big names like Rick Warren, have one or two research associates, who all they do is look for illustrations, sermon ideas, find out what their congregations need, do the outlines, and, not in Ricks case, many even do it all. So, the preacher is like the TV news anchor who just `reads it on a teleprompter... Consider that, Curly haired false teacher guy likes to use old Hagan sermons and smile a lot. Then there is the slicked hair dude, who does no preparing, he just goes up on stage and whatever comes is spoken, and it is not good.... Point? You can do and be better....



**You can do better on your own, without an assistant and use tools to assist you....**

**The key is the right tools! And of course Devotion to Christ as LORD!**

Every job requires the right tools. If you try to use a flat shovel to dig a hole, verses a spade, it will not work well.... Sometimes one tool cannot perform every job. Good thing we have so many. There are many you may have never heard of or never tried. Like ,there are many great Software programs like *Logos* and online tools like *Bible Gateway* or smart phone and pad apps like *Olive Tree* and or Web based research sites like *Into Thy Word* that helps equip the Bible study teacher and minister with an incredible tool belt.

These tools will assist in our personal spiritual formation, so we can in turn learn, be equipped to disciple and train believers. We can even go deep too. Like, rediscovering original Biblical languages, settings, backgrounds, what does that word or term or passage really mean, not what I want it to mean. You have a personal research assistant to provide for you in the preparation of lessons/sermons, and many other tools too. The trick is to know about them.



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### Prime Research Sites

[www.IntoThyWord.org](http://www.IntoThyWord.org), Inductive and exegetical Bible studies, sermon helps, resources on how to be a better deeper church leader and teacher.

[www.DiscipleshipTools.org](http://www.DiscipleshipTools.org), Topics, over 1,000 very biblical and insightful

[www.churchleadership.org](http://www.churchleadership.org), *Schaefer Institute*, resources and research on church and pastor trends and how to lead a church effectively.

[www.PreceptAustin.org](http://www.PreceptAustin.org), many side by side commentaries.

[www.ccel.org](http://www.ccel.org), Amazing resource, Christian Classics Ethereal Library

[www.CARM.org](http://www.CARM.org), apologetical helps, term dictionary.

**Key tip as your prepare:** Do not over complicate so it bores, point to the wows and excitements that point to our Lord.

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” James 1:22

An illustration of how most Christians lead their Christian lives, knowing but not doing, knowing, but not practicing. Do not be the Christian who knows and does not do, especially as the leader or pastor!

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