

My Composite Notes

is my personalization of the Cornell note-taking system.

Concept:

The form uses the concept of Cornell notes but arranges it vertically and identifies each section by color. The color sequence is black for id, blue for notes, red for key ideas and Gold for summary. By arranging things vertically, thoughts are recorded in a more logical way and the color coding makes it easier to identify each section and speeds up the process.

Method:

Print out several copies of the form. Record the Identification of the Lecture (Topic, Speaker, Date, location and time) and your name at the bottom of the second page. Then record your notes (turn the page over if you need more space). After the Lecture is over pull out key ideas to remember. Lastly, summarize these ideas into a Summary title.

A little while later that day, go over your notes and amplify them by adding your own questions, comments, ideas, etc..

Next day, repeat your additions. Go over your notes several times until you are satisfied that you know the material. At this point, I like to type my notes into a word-processor for a permanent legible record.

A few months back, I was introduced to The Cornell Note taking system and was impressed with it. I spent some time using their form, but recently I thought I would combine it with the Composite Bible format of color usage. Also, I thought a vertical arrangement might make more sense to me, so I made a new form (above). As time permits I will place a PDF file for download on the blog for anyone who would like to use it.

Why do this?

Well, the Bible says...

2 Timothy, 2:15 (World English Bible)

¹⁵Give diligence to present yourself approved by God, a workman who doesn't need to be ashamed, properly handling the Word of Truth.

I think that this method of taking notes in church will improve my comprehension of the Bible Study Class and The Sermon.

Until I add the file to my blog, feel free to copy the above graphics or e-mail me requesting the PDF file.

May God bless you in your desire to learn and apply the Word Of God to your life.