

APPLY IT IN YOUR HOME What Do I Do?

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION . . .

- Interpretation focuses on meaning.
 - ▶ Application focuses on **Action**.
- Interpretation involves a singular meaning.
 - ▶ Application involves **multiple** actions.
- Interpretation is the same for all Christians.
 - ▶ Application is **different** for specific life situations
- Interpretation involves getting into the Word.
 - ▶ Application involves the Word getting into **us**.
- Interpretation asks, “What does this text mean?”
 - ▶ Application asks, “How does this meaning apply to **my life**?”

THREE STEPS TO RESPONSIBLE, BIBLICAL APPLICATION . . .

- **Meditate** on the timeless truth(s).
- Relate the timeless truth(s) to today.
 - ▶ See the timeless truth in its **original** situation.
 - Look for key elements (people, places, relationships, ideas, items, etc.) in the original situation.
 - ▶ Identify a contemporary situation that **parallels** the original situation.
 - Look for key elements (people, places, relationships, ideas, items, etc.) that parallel the original situation.
 - ▶ Relate the timeless truth specifically to that contemporary situation.
- Practice the timeless truth.

“But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.”

(2 Timothy 3:14-4:2, NIV)

▶ **FIVE QUESTION . . .**

- Who should I **be**?
 - Any application of the text is dependent on Christ in you.
- How should I **think**?
 - We need to learn from the Word how to think Christianly.
- What should I **do**?
 - Is there a sin to avoid?
 - Is there a verse to memorize?
 - Is there a promise to claim?
 - Is there a prayer to repeat?
 - Is there a command to obey?
 - Is there a condition to meet?
 - Is there a challenge to face?
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- Where should I **go**?
 - All of Scripture is intended to be understood in the context of mission.
- Who will I **teach**?
 - The best way to learn is to give it away... this is what disciple- making is all about!