

### Basic Principles for Bible Interpretation...

- Remember that context **r**\_\_\_\_\_.
  - ▶ Never take a Scripture out of its context to make it say something that is contrary to the text.
- Always seek the **f**\_\_\_\_\_ counsel of the Word of God.
  - ▶ The more you study, the more you will be able to discern what Scripture means.
- Remember that Scripture will never contradict Scripture.
  - ▶ Compare Scripture with Scripture... use **c**\_\_\_\_\_ -references!
  - ▶ The best interpreter of Scripture is **S**\_\_\_\_\_.
- Avoid basing your doctrine on an **o**\_\_\_\_\_ passage of Scripture.

*“He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters. His letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.”*

*(2 Peter 3:16, NIV)*

- Interpret Scripture **p**\_\_\_\_\_.
  - ▶ Use the **l**\_\_\_\_\_ sense unless there is some good reason not to.
  - ▶ Use the figurative sense when the passage **t**\_\_\_\_\_ you to do so.
  - ▶ Use the figurative sense if the expression is an obvious figure of speech.
  - ▶ Use the figurative sense if a literal interpretation goes **c**\_\_\_\_\_ to the context of the passage, the context of the book, or the purpose of the author.
  - ▶ Use the figurative sense if a literal interpretation involves a contradiction of other Scripture.
  - ▶ Use the figurative sense if a literal meaning is impossible, absurd, or **i**\_\_\_\_\_.
- Conclude the process of interpretation by describing the author’s intended meaning in the passage.
  - ▶ The major question: “What’s the **p**\_\_\_\_\_?”
  - ▶ In one or two sentences, write out what the author is saying to the original readers and why he is saying it.
  - ▶ Be responsible.
    - Remember - A text cannot mean what it never meant.
  - ▶ Be concise.
    - Keep it simple.
  - ▶ Be **s**\_\_\_\_\_.
    - The author communicated this text at that time for that purpose.
- Check your conclusions by leaning on the **c**\_\_\_\_\_.

**STEP 3: BRING IT BACK HOME**  
**How Does It Relate?**

**The goal...**

- Identify the **t**\_\_\_\_\_ truth(s).
- This is the theological principle that applies to **a**\_\_\_\_\_ people of all times.

**The guidelines...**

- The timeless truth is **b**\_\_\_\_\_.
- The timeless truth is **c**\_\_\_\_\_. (with the rest of Scripture).
- The timeless truth is **e**\_\_\_\_\_.
- The timeless truth is **c**\_\_\_\_\_ **c**\_\_\_\_\_.
- The timeless truth is **a**\_\_\_\_\_. (both here and there).



