



Proper biblical interpretation requires two steps: 1) discovering WGO? (what's going on?), 2) discerning WTP? (what's the point?).

WTP (what's the point)? = What timeless, universal principles of wisdom are established based on WGO (what's going on)?

1. Many preachers today discount (or outright reject) the need to discover WTP? believing it to be _____.
2. The most obvious reason for people not pursuing WTP? in their study of the Bible is that it takes more _____ than people are willing to give.
3. The reason discerning WTP? takes so much time and mental energy is b/c of the way God _____.
4. That being said, discerning WTP? is not _____.
5. Discerning WTP? is exemplified in the teaching of _____.
6. Discerning WTP? is (also) imitated by Jesus' _____ teachers/shepherds.
7. Jesus and the prophets reveal _____ to be the foundation of most principles communicated in the bible therefore providing a helpful guide in our process of discernment.

8. Examples

- 8.1. (Gen 1:1) = The universe _____.
- 8.2. (Deu 19:21) = The punishment must _____.
- 8.3. (Deu 20:19-20) = _____ is a **moral** obligation.
- 8.4. (Jer 44:16-18) = What a fool _____, he sees.
- 8.5. (Hag 2:11-14) = We can be _____ by our association w/sinful people or things.
- 8.6 (Zec 7:13) = God responds _____.
- 8.7. (Mat 11:1-6 w/Isa 8:14-15) = Doubts are shored up _____.
- 8.8. (Phi 1:27-28) = Letting those _____ know that we (as the church) stand as a firm, unified and fearless front is a clear sign that we are worthy of salvation and they of destruction.
- 8.9. (Phm 1:10) = Christians always stand up _____.
- 8.10. (1 Jo 4:1) = _____ does not make right.