

The goal of all biblical interpretation is to discover the timeless, moral principle being established ("What's the point?") (1Co 9:7-11). To do that however, first requires we determine the context ("What's going on?"). The following represents what must be among our most basic considerations:

1. Who was the _____?

2. What was the ______ or their cultural biases?

3. How is the word/phrase being used in the ______ of the book?

4. How is this ______ used elsewhere that might give additional insight into its meaning?

5. Am I dealing w/an ancient _____?

6. Is this an allusion to something in the _____?

7. Have I practiced attention to the _____?

8. Have I vetted my conclusions based on its _____?