

PART 1 - BEFORE YOU DIG IN - PREMISES AND PRINCIPLES

Students of Scripture

"For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel."

- (Ezra 7:10)

Ezra is a great example of the _____

- a. _____ the Word of God
- b. Sought to _____ the Word of God
- c. Sought to _____ the Word of God to others

It is our goal to become Students of Scripture.

Rightly Dividing the Word

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

(2Tim 2:15) KJV

To become an effective student of Scripture we must learn to _____ the Word of Truth

Hermeneutics

How do we determine the meaning of a passage of Scripture?

Hermeneutics – _____

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There are 4 premises necessary for a right foundation when studying the Bible, and 4 principles that are necessary to understanding what the Bible is teaching

4 Premises for Proper Interpretation

1. Premise of the Work of the Spirit

_____ and _____

are necessary for us to properly interpret the Scriptures.

"But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God...because they are spiritually discerned." - 1Cor 2:14a

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit...He will teach you all things..." - John 14:26a

2. Premise of Personal Responsibility

Each Christian has the responsibility to _____

"If you abide in My Word you are my disciples indeed." -John 8:31

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3. Premise of Authority

The Bible is the _____

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God..." - 2Timothy 3:16

"Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." - 2Peter 1:21

Bible has authority over:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

4. Premise of Relationship

The purpose of Bible study is to _____

"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of me." -John 5:39

"Mary sat at Jesus feet and heard His Word" - Luke 10:39

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4 Principles for Proper Interpretation

1. Principle of Interpretation

There is one _____ but many _____

2. Principle of Normal Usage

The Normal Sense - Take the Bible at _____

The Bible means what it says. If we learn what it _____
we will know what it _____

3. Principle of Context

Always read the Bible _____

3 things to remember: _____

4. Principle of Correlation

Compare Scripture with _____

Best commentary on the Bible is _____

Interpret unclear in light of the _____
