

Reading It Well

Making Sense of God's Word

III. What do I do with it? (Application)

Application is putting the truth we discovered in interpretation _____

All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16–17, NKJV)

Three questions to consider about a passage when developing applications:

- (1) What is the *timeless truth or principle* in the passage?
- (2) What *specific steps* of practice can we develop from the principles (application)?
 - _____ interpretation – original intent
 - _____ or a _____ principles
 - Potentially, _____ specific steps of obedience (application)

Developing the Timeless Truth or Principle

Some passages are *non-moral, non-theological* subjects that have no “timeless truth.”

Example: “See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand!” (Gal. 6:11)

Many passages *do* address moral, theological subjects that do have “timeless truths”

The goal is to discover the principles that are *not* limited to _____ or _____.

Key questions to ask about the passage to uncover the timeless truths:

What does the passage teach:

About God?

About man?

About other people?

About sin?

What promises does it contain?

What commands are we to obey?

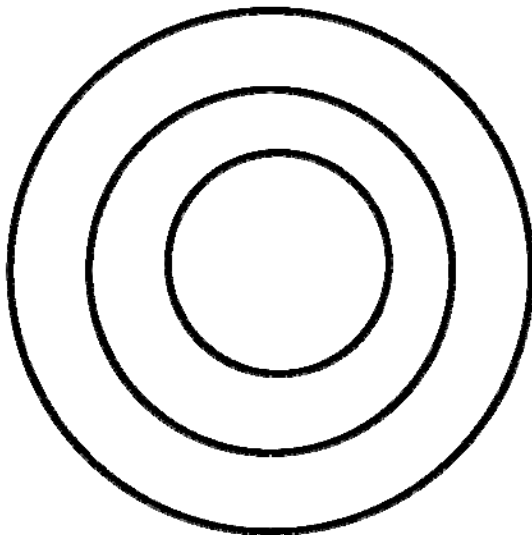
Developing the Applications

If a major purpose of Scripture is "so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work," then "application" is the step which changes my life and specifies what I need to do (obedience).

Applications must be _____

Applications apply to my _____ and my _____.

Applications can involve _____ (Gal. 5:25), _____ (Gal. 1:6-7), or _____ (Gal. 5:26)



Seeing _____ through God's eyes

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Keep in mind:

The *heart* of obedience is faith
(Gal. 2:20, 3:2-3, 5:6)

The "*look*" of obedience is love
(Gal. 5:6, 13, 14, 22)

The *power* source for obedience is the Holy Spirit
(Gal. 3:3, 5:16)

Description of "How to walk in the Holy Spirit" (Gal. 5:16)

Hearing the Word with faith
then
In faith, responding to Him

Example

Verse: Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. (Gal. 6:10)

Interpretation: Paul commands the _____ to do _____ to all _____, especially other _____.

Truth: Believers are to do _____ to all _____, especially other _____.

Applications:

(1) I will take a meal to the family in my church who just had a baby.

What are some specific applications (actions, beliefs, or attitudes) that apply to your culture and circumstances?

(2)