

5 PRINCIPLES TO HANDLE THE BIBLE ACCURATELY

Let the Bible interpret itself.

Understand the Old Testament in light of the New Testament.

Understand the unclear passages in light of the clear ones.

Understand words and passages in light of their context.

Understand personal experience in light of Scripture.

4 STEPS TO PERSONAL STUDY

READ

Literal Principle – Understand the Scripture in the natural *normal* sense of the words.

REPORT

Historical Principle (*history, background, culture, geography*) – What did it mean then?
Grammatical Principle (*the words & how they are used*) – What is the main point?

REFLECT

Synthetic Principle (*Put it together*) – How does this fit into the whole of Scripture? What does it tell me about God? About life? About me?

RESPOND

Practical Principle (*Application*) – When the principle becomes a conviction in your life, then it will show up in every practical situation. So, what does this say should be true in my life because of what is true in Scripture?

4 REALITIES OF AN EFFECTIVE STUDENT OF THE WORD

You must be a Christian.

1 Corinthians 2:14-16

Holiness

James 1:21 & 1 Peter 2:1

Obedience

James 1:22-25

Prayer

Psalms 119:18