

What Generation Will You Be?

2 Timothy 2:15

1. The Bible is our source of _____ – The Bible should be prioritized over all _____ and _____.
(OT - Psalm 19:7-9, Gospels - John 17:17, Matthew 24:35, NT - 2 Timothy 2:16-17)
2. The Bible remains _____ – It is still _____ today.
(OT - Isaiah 40:8, Gospels - Matthew 5:17-18, NT - 1 Peter 1:23-25)
3. The Bible must be studied – not simply read. (1 Timothy 2:15)
 - a. Diligently – Sound doctrine will not be _____ or _____ by a _____ student of the Bible. (Be diligent to present yourself . . .)
 - b. Before God – The one evaluating our stewardship of God’s Word is _____, not _____. (. . . Approved unto God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed . . .)
 - c. Carefully – Sound doctrine will require _____ between _____. (. . . Rightly dividing the Word of Truth.)
4. The Bible should be studied . . .
 - a. Contextually – Statements should not be taken outside of the _____ in which they were given. (Isaiah 28:9-10)
 - b. Grammatically – The Holy Spirit chose specific _____, _____, _____, and _____.
(Mark 12:27, Matthew 5:18)
 - c. Historically – Who were the _____ addressed and what _____ did they live in?
(Galatians 4:4, Romans 10:4, Colossians 2:14, Romans 6:14)
5. “Best Practices” for studying the Bible - Cooper’s Golden Rule of Interpretation (David L. Cooper, 1886-1965):
“When the _____ sense of Scripture makes _____ sense, seek _____ other sense; therefore, take every word at its primary, ordinary, usual, literal meaning unless the facts of the immediate context, studied in the light of related passages and axiomatic and fundamental truths, indicate clearly otherwise.”

- a. Seek no other sense . . . The writers were trying to communicate!
 - i. Plain sense – What is the most _____, _____ meaning? (John 21:11)
 - ii. Common sense – Is Christ commanding cannibalism? (John 6:54)
 - iii. Primary, ordinary, usual, literal meaning – “whole world”? (1 John 2:2)

- b. Unless the facts of the immediate context, studied in the light of related passages and axiomatic and fundamental truths, indicate clearly otherwise.
 - i. Context – Malachi 3:10 – If I tithe 10%, will God make me rich?
 - ii. Studied in the light of related passages – James 2:24 vs Romans 4:1-7 – Is a person saved because of faith or works?
 - iii. Axiomatic and fundamental truths – Is Christ a door or a stone?

6. _____ and _____ to the clearer, easier to understand scripture, and patiently _____ out harder passages.

7. _____ does not equal _____!

- a. Genesis 6:11-13 – Noah at the time of the flood
- b. Genesis 18:32-33 – Lot and Sodom
- c. Romans 11:2-5 – The remnant in Elijah’s and Paul’s day
- d. Zechariah 13:8-9 – There will be a future remnant

8. So how can you apply what we have learned?

Name	Scripture	Responsibilities For Righteous Living	Judgements
Innocence	Genesis 1:28-3:6	Tend the Garden, Do Not Eat From One Tree, Fellowship With God	Curse, Physical Death, Spiritual Death
Conscience	Genesis 3:7-6:7	Believe God, Do Good, Blood Sacrifice	Flood
Human Government	Genesis 9-11	Believe God, Fill the Earth, Capital Punishment	Forced Scattering by Confusion of Languages
Promise	Genesis 12-Exodus 19	Believe God, Stay in the Promised Land, Obey God	Egyptian Bondage
Law	Exodus 19:1-Acts 2	Believe God, Keep the Law	Worldwide Dispersion
Grace	Acts 2-Revelation 20	Believe on Christ, Abide in Christ	Great Tribulation
Millennium	Revelation 20	Believe on Christ, Obey Christ and His Government	Great White Throne Judgement

Clear, easy to understand passages to cling to:

- **John 3:16** – For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
- **Ephesians 2:8-9** – For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.
- **Acts 16:31** – So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.”
- **2 Peter 3:9** – The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.
- **Romans 4:5** – But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness.
- **Revelation 22:17** – And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.
- **More . . .**