

The Basics of All Bible Study Include “OICA”

Observe

- WHO → Human author and audience?
- WHAT → What is going on? What is style of literature?
- WHEN → What is the historical setting?
- WHERE → What is the cultural and political background?
- WHY → What is the purpose of the passage?
- Repeated words, phrases, and themes

Interpret

What does the passage mean?

Correlate

- What other sections of Scripture are similar?
- Look up cross-references based on theme, historical context, and author.

Apply (based on 2 Timothy 3:16,17)

Teaching/Doctrine

- What does this tell me about my God?
- How does this fit in with other doctrine I know?
- Is there a principle to personalize?

Rebuke

- Is there sin in my life I need to confess and forsake?

Correction

- Am I being convicted about something that needs to change in me?

Training in Righteousness

- In light of this passage, how will I live?
- A command to obey?
- How will it impact my worship of God?
- A direction I need to move in?

God's Word In Action

- It will accomplish God's will (Isaiah 55:10,11)
- It is a mirror into our soul (James 1:22-25)
- It keeps us from sin (Psalm 119:9-11)
- It sets us apart from the world (John 17:17)
- It brings us peace (Psalm 119:65)
- It gives us direction (Psalm 119:105)
- Provides a standard for truth (Acts 17:11)
- Brings success (Joshua 1:8)
- Brings life and joy (Psalm 19:7,8)