

Precept Upon Precept A PRECISE OBSERVATION- How We Study

1. OVERVIEW THE BOOK

A. Purpose

- 1. To gain a general understanding of author's purpose
- 2. To see the structure of the book
- 3. To have a sound basis for accurate interpretation and correct application

B. Procedure

- 1. Begin with prayer
- 2. Read and re-read the book (the section assigned)
- 3. Train your eyes to look for:

a. The Author's Purpose

- 1. The main subjects covered by the author
- 2. The problems with and / or referred to
- 3. The exhortations given to the recipients

b. Repetition of KEY Words and Phrases

"A KEY WORD is a word which when removed from the text leaves the passage devoid of meaning Key Words = Subjects=Themes= Understanding

- 1. Mark these key words in a distinctive way: Use your chart to keep track
- 2. Always begin with : God, Jesus Christ, Lord, Holy Spirit, Spirit etc.
- 3. Also mark the personal pronouns or synonyms or any other word which refers to the same subject. Often the author says " We" or "us" We would mark that **and** — The text tells you if he is including himself in the comment **THIS COMES WITH PRACTICE!**
- 4. Always mark time phrases: **Examples:** until, now, after, when, months
- 5. Note where the changes in thought are (Precept puts those lines for you)
- 6. **Always note:** Comparisons / Exhortations /Major Characters /Contrasts/ instructions/ Major Doctrines/ Examples/ Warnings/ Major Events

4. The " 5 W's and an H" ASK these

WHO: wrote it? spoke it? about whom? to whom he is speaking?

- WHAT: are the main events? are the major ideas? are the major doctrines? is he talking about? is his purpose in saying that?
- WHEN: was it written? did the event take place? will it happen?
- WHERE: was this done? was this said? will it happen?
- WHY: was it written? was it mentioned? was so much or so little space devoted to this particular event of teaching? Was this reference mentioned?
- HOW: is it done? is this truth illustrated?

You will see that this is a way to look at a passage or book more closely and in depth, slowing you down to actually see and to understand what is there. Take your time and do not rush, it is one of the most precious and enduring things you can do...be in the Word of GOD!

Studying Inductively

Inductive Study - is The WORD (Bible) as the primary source of study

GOD ⇒ WORD ⇒ ME ⇒ Someone Else

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OBSERVATION: Look at it, what it does or what it says

INTERPRETATION: God's meaning
Objective Facts
How does God's message apply to me?

GOAL: To be changed into more of HIS Likeness
The meaning is only accurate if the interpretation is accurate.

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BIBLE TEXT: The Text proves the text. The Bible never faults itself.

Always Look at the context

CONTEXT: The environment in which something dwells

Context is Always KING this means that you discover what is REPEATED...revealing the text

HOW to do this:

KEY WORDS - Unlock the meaning. They are often repeated - Reveals text



Subjects



Themes



Understanding: don't GET LOST in the TREES of DETAILS.

All parts relate to the whole

NOTE: People, places, and events, history, time

NOTE: What kind/ type of literature

NOTE: The Author and His purpose for writing

NOTE: The Recipients

THE TEXT REVEALS the questions you need to ask: "5 W's and H"

ALWAYS read the text REPEATEDLY after PRAYER for discernment

- We do each one of these questions slowly and we will see truth.



- You may not get all of these items on the first reading, but as you look for something else -often one you missed will pop to the top and you will have another list.
- We take time to overview lessons...just to get established well.
- We often go back and go over the material again. So we do get all the pertinent facts.
- Do not get discouraged- to quote Kay "hangeth thou in there"
- Use prayer and ask for the Holy Spirit, our resident teacher to show you
- There are NO right and wrong answers for we are all in different places in our walk with the LORD.
- If there is a long list of Scripture to look up do 2-4 and if you have time go back and finish it. If not come to class anyway for you will see the answer in the discussion or the tape.
- **NEVER Stay away for homework is not done.**

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If you but give the next weeks a chance this will change how you study even if you NEVER take another Precept class for you will have dined on MEAT not Milk. *Eventually you will note the main themes, and the overall picture. The knowledge that you learn from your study will be written on your hearts forever and your ability to dig for yourself the meat of the Scripture will be yours also !*

Blessings

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