

# How to: Interpretation

## Lesson Four

"Understanding precedes application"

Mk 7.7-9

### *Fundamental principles:*

- There's one interpretation and \_\_\_\_\_ applications.
- God's word could \_\_\_\_\_ mean to me what it could not have meant to the original recipients.

### *Steps of Interpretation:*

- I. Accept and depend upon the role of God's \_\_\_\_\_ to teach you
  - Acts 17 – "received the word with all readiness of mind"
- II. Accept the \_\_\_\_\_ view of Scripture
  - It's inspired
  - Its inerrant
  - It's infallible
  - Perspicuity (understandable)
- III. Understand the literary \_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture
  - The wisdom literature
  - Prophecy
  - Narrative
  - Legal descriptions
  - Poetry

- Apocalyptic
- Discourse

IV. Stay within \_\_\_\_\_ boundaries

- Exegesis – A systematic process by which a person arrives at a coherent and reasonable sense of the biblical meaning of a particular passage
- Eisegesis – Imposes a meaning upon the text instead of drawing the meaning from the text
- Hermeneutics – Rules for exegesis.
  - Here're the rules:
    1. Interpret a passage with the proper \_\_\_\_\_.
    2. Interpret a passage within the book, chapter, and \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. If the phrase is a part of a \_\_\_\_\_, take that into account.
    4. Be careful to discern the true \_\_\_\_\_ of words.
    5. Resolve apparent \_\_\_\_\_ in Scripture with three questions:
      - How was the subject first mentioned?
      - Is there a clear passage to help me understand this unclear passage?
      - Is this resolved in progressive revelation?