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How to Understand the Bible

The One Thing

I Will Understand the Bible Better When
I Ask _____

3 Steps For Better Understanding

1. _____: What does it _____?
2. _____: What does it _____?
3. _____: What does it _____
For _____?

Philippians 2:19-30

1. Observation: What Does it Say?

3 Keys:

1. Get a Bible Translation I Can Understand
2. Ask Good Questions: Who, What, When, Where, Why, How?
3. Zoom Out, then Zoom In

Example:

- Paul Intended to Send _____ to the Church at Philippi.
Philippians 2:19
Philippians 2:25
- Paul Endorsed Them and Said _____ Them
Philippians 2:20
Philippians 2:29
- _____ Should They Be Honored
Philippians 2:20-21, 26
Philippians 2:22, 27
Philippians 2:30

2. Interpretation: What Does it Mean?

3 Keys:

1. What Did the Author Mean?
2. What Else Does the Bible Say About This?
3. Dig Deeper—Context, History, Culture, Word Meaning

Example:

3 Qualities of Honorable Men and Women

1. They _____ When Others _____!
Philippians 2:20-21
2. They're _____ When Others _____!
Philippians 2:22, 27
3. They Take _____ When Others Play it _____!
Philippians 2:30

3. Application: What Does it Mean For Me?

3 Keys:

1. Know Myself: Change to Thinking, Feeling, or Doing?
2. Right Questions: Attitude to Adjust? Belief or Behavior Change? Choice to Make?
3. Just Do It!

Example:

1. Who Do _____ Need to Honor?
2. Which of these 3 Qualities Will I Work On This Week?