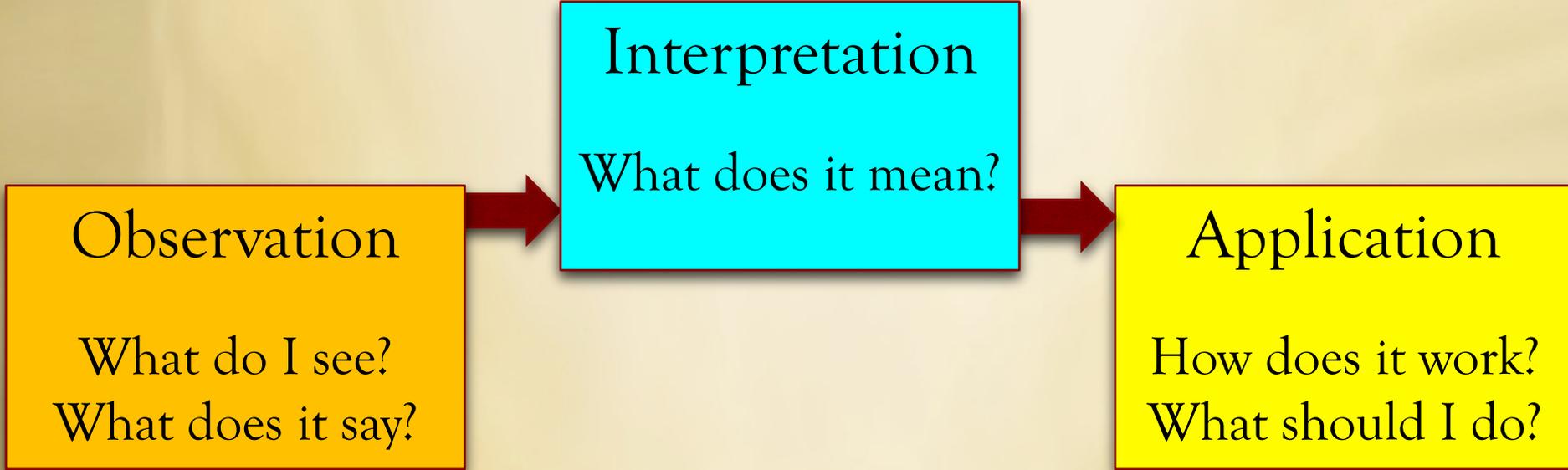

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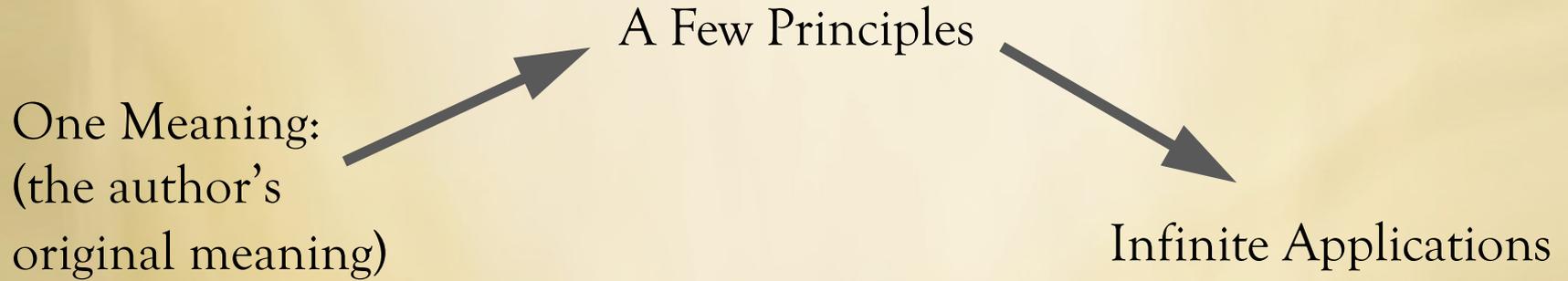
Application Part 1





Connecting the Bible to Our Lives Today

Interpretation to Application:



Application for Today:



Principles of Application

- The purpose of Bible Study is to get to know God Better.



Principles of Application

- Those who know and love God obey him.
“Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me.” John 14:21a



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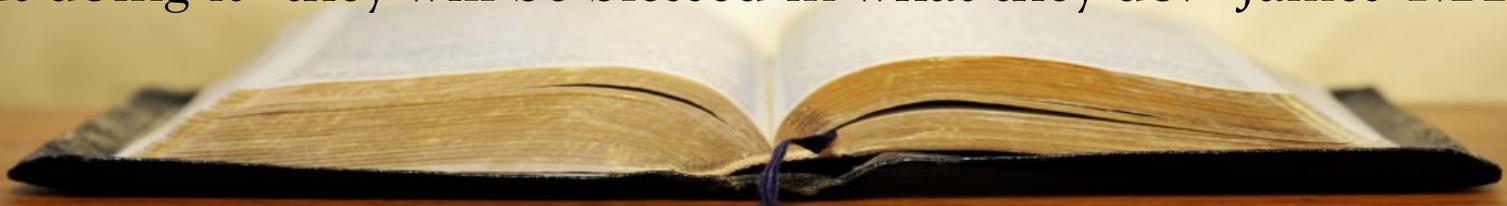
- Getting to know God better through Bible study should change us. “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17



Principles of Application

- Bible study only makes a difference when proper interpretation leads to application.

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.” James 1:22-25



Principles of Application

- Bible study increases our responsibility
“If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn’t do it, it is sin for them.” James 4:17



Principles of Application

- The truth should lead to individual godliness through application
“Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God’s elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness.” Titus 1:1



For effective application, don't...

- Interpret without applying (Luke 6:46)
- Superficially apply
- Rationalize rather than repent
- Substitute emotions or intentions for action
- Just talk and not change. Instead...
 - know yourself
 - see yourself as the Word portrays you.
 - let the image in the mirror motivate you to change.



Four Steps for Transformation

2 Timothy 3:16

- Teaching
- Rebuking
- Correcting
- Training in Righteousness



Application Should Bring Change To

- Your calling in Christ
 - For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10
 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:1-2



Some Personal Changes as a Disciple

1. New beliefs
2. New values
3. New behaviors
4. New habits
5. New relationships
6. New outlook
7. New dreams
8. New purpose
9. New environment
10. New job/career plans
11. New character
12. New morals
13. New desires/passions
14. New communication/language



Application Should Bring Change To (continued)

- Your calling in Community
- Your calling in the World



Four Steps of Application

1) Personal

- From the text
- Know yourself
 - 1 Timothy 4:16a
 - Romans 12:2

2) Practical

- Job
- Spouse
- Family
- Friends
- Community
- Finances
- Habits
- Entertainment
- Others?

3) Possible

- Meditate
- Pray
- How should it affect my life?
- What would change look like?
- What should I do?

4) Provable



Application Customized

- One interpretation, many applications
 - You are a unique person (every individual)
 - You have unique gifts (excellence)
 - You have unique preparation (education)
 - You have unique background (experience)
 - You have unique passions (emphasis)
 - You have unique relationships (each other)
 - You have unique opportunities (execution)
 - You have unique callings (employment)
 - You have unique...



What Next?

- Application of God's word will transform your life, your passions, your thoughts, your desires, your relationships, your attitudes, your emotions, your priorities, your actions, your speech, your beliefs, your
- Where will you start?



Some passages to Study

- Philippians 2:1-11



Questions/Discussion

